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Thatcher hint of statutory City control

● Mrs Thatcher conceded in the Commons that the Government may yet replace City self-regulation with statutory control

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● DTI inspectors are probing Guinness's decision to hand over the Dewar's trade mark to American businessman Mehiam Riklis

● The Office of Fair Trading has said foreign competition will not be enough to prevent the OFT recommending monopolies' investigation of takeovers

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government came under intense pressure in the Commons yesterday on a series of City issues, including the Guinness affair, the regulation of insider dealing and the future of mergers and competition policy, especially in connection with the proposed takeover of the Pilkington Bros glass firm by the BTR conglomerate.

A concerted assault from Labour was compounded by unease on the government backbenches.

And Mrs Thatcher conceded that the Government might yet decide to end self-regulation by the City and turn the Securities and Investments Board into a statutory body. She said, however, that it was too early yet to make that decision.

One senior Tory, Sir Anthony Grant (Cambridgeshire SE), condemned elements in the City as "long on cunning and short on morals." Another, Sir Anthony Meyer (Clwyd NW), gave warning that the Government would "bitterly rue the day" when it seemed to be washing its hands of its responsibility for the future of a company like Pilkingtons.

Meanwhile, after more than 70 MPs had signed an all-party motion calling for the BTR bid for Pilkingtons to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, said that the majority Commons opinion appeared to be against the bid. He urged Mrs Thatcher to call in Sir Owen Green, the BTR chairman, and ask him to withdraw it.

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Later, ministers were speculating whether this crop of City issues could prove to be as damaging in their political consequences to the Government as union actions during the 1978-79 winter of discontent were to the then Labour government.

With the spotlight now on insider trading and City regulation, and Mr Kinnock yesterday claiming that the Government was responsible for a tenfold increase in mergers and takeovers, Ministers are anxious that the full rigours of the law should be applied to anybody in the Guinness affair found to have acted illegally.

Mrs Thatcher constantly emphasised yesterday that the action in sending in Trade Department inspectors could scarcely have been swifter. Insider trading, she repeated several times, had not even been an offence under Labour. The calls from the Labour side, however, for a statutory body to oversee the City were reinforced by a former Tory frontbencher, Sir Peter Tapsell (Lindsey E), himself a partner in James Capel, the stockbroker.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's Trade spokesman, then called for a statement on the Guinness affair, saying that as many as 90 million shares could have been involved in wrongful dealings and claiming that some of the most renowned names in the City figured along the "slush fund trail."

Mr Michael Howard, the Consumer Affairs Minister who has responsibility for City affairs, pledged in response that there was no question of anything being kept under wraps.

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Whisky trade mark transferred to US

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness was the centre of a fresh controversy yesterday over the ownership of the trade mark of its Dewar's Scotch whisky.

The company revealed that the trade mark has been transferred to Schenley Industries, the US distributor which supported Guinness in its bid for Distillers.

Guinness denied the transfer was a pay-off in return for Schenley's support. It said it was done "on the specific advice of the company's US lawyers, Ward Lazarus," to protect the Dewar's brand from imitators.

There was speculation that Guinness was attempting to attach any blame for the transfer on the US lawyers. Mr Thomas Ward, the senior partner of Ward Lazarus, was asked to resign as a Guinness director on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Guinness said that the appointment of James Capel to act as joint stockbrokers to Guinness implied no criticism of Cazenove, its present broker.

Jobless fall boosts Tories

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Unemployment in December recorded its biggest monthly fall since Mrs Thatcher took office. This fifth successive decline represents a considerable political boost for the Government.

At the current rate of decline, officially estimated at an underlying 20,000 a month, the adult unemployment total will fall below three million by the summer.

The adult unemployment total, adjusted for seasonal factors, fell by 28,400 to 3,116,400, or 11.3 per cent of the working population, last month — the biggest monthly fall since April 1979. In the past six months, the adult unemployment total has fallen by 103,000, the largest drop since 1973.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, said: "Behind today's seasonal fall of 28,000 there is an important landmark. Unemployment is now lower than a year ago." In December 1985, the adult jobless total was 16,100 higher than last month's figure.

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"Over the latest three months the fall in the number of people unemployed in the United Kingdom is bigger than anywhere else in the industrialized world."

Of the underlying unemployment trend for a 20,000 a month decline, about 15,000 is due to new jobs and 5,000 to the expansion of the Government's special measures, officials said.

The raw unemployment figures, including school leavers, rose by 12,400 to 3,229,167 last month.

This was smaller than the usual increase at this time of year. The normal pattern is for a rise of about 70,000 in the raw unemployment total this month, with falls in February and March.

The Restart scheme, under which the long-term unemployed are counselled and directed into employment, training or special measures, appears to have had a significant effect on the unemployment count.

In the July-December period, 690,000 were interviewed and 147,000 disappeared from the unemployment register as a result, mainly into training. This removal of 147,000 long-term unemployed from the register was greater than the 103,000 drop in adult unemployment over the period.

Commenting on the unemployment figures, the TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, said: "The decline in the underlying trend will provide cold comfort for the three million plus out of work."

And Mr John Prescott, the Labour Party's employment spokesman, said: "Real unemployment is now well over four million. The so-called reduction in unemployment is is a complete fraud.

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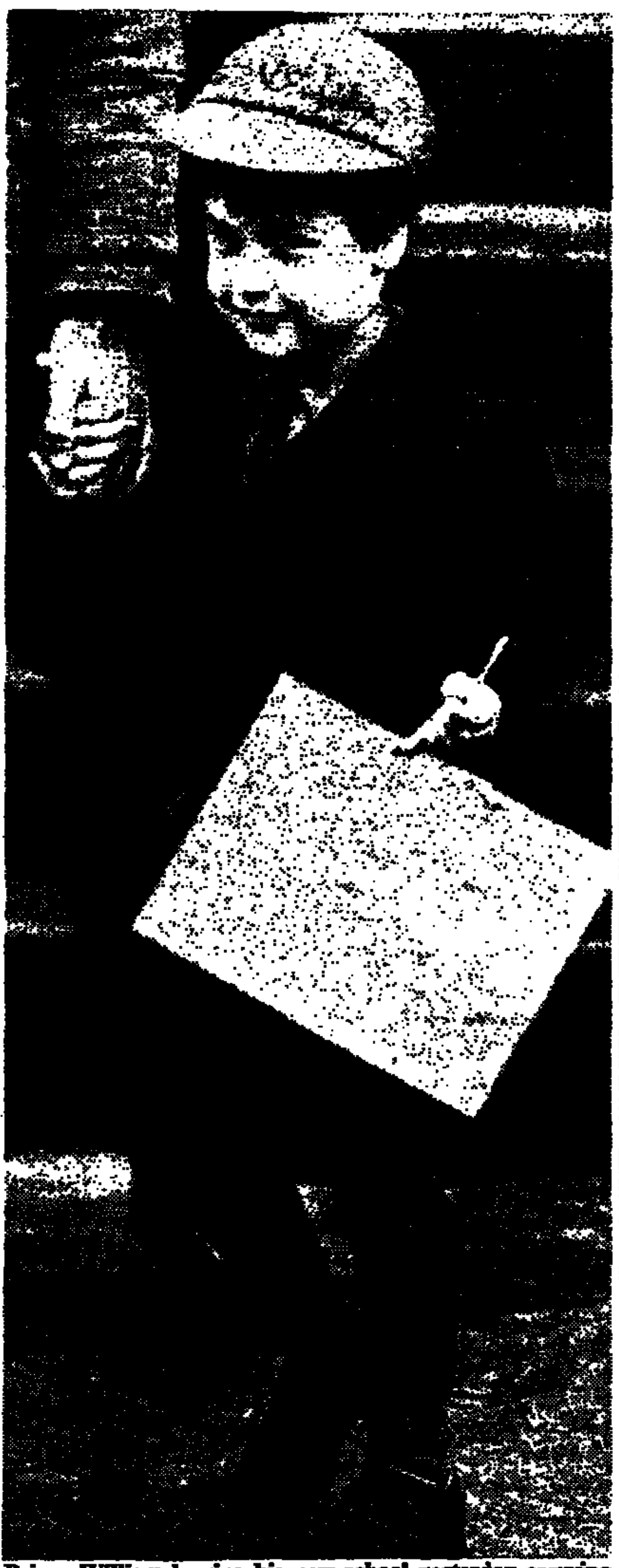

Prince William leaving his new school yesterday carrying his first example of pupil's art work

Princes' nanny to quit job

By Alan Hamilton

Miss Barbara Barnes, the royal nanny who has looked after Prince William and Prince Henry for nearly five years, is to leave her job with the Prince and Princess of Wales, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. Miss Barnes, aged 42, is leaving by mutual agreement.

The announcement came on the same day that Prince William, who is four, attended his first day at Wetherby pre-preparatory school in Notting Hill, west London, where he is expected to remain for three years.

"As Prince William is now to attend school full time it has been mutually decided by Miss Barnes and the Prince and Princess that it is an appropriate time for her to leave," the Palace said.

Miss Barnes, whose informal approach, refusal to wear a uniform, and absence of traditional nanny training, fitted in well with the atmosphere of the Wales household at Kensington Palace, will remain at her post until a successor is found. Mrs Olga Powell, the deputy nanny, is to continue in her job looking after Prince William and Prince Henry.

Before joining the Kensington Palace staff Miss Barnes worked as a nanny to the three children of Lady Anne Tennant, lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret. A Palace spokesman said yesterday that there was "no animosity involved" in her decision to leave the household.

Geneva arms talks resume

Geneva — The seventh round since March 1985 of US-Soviet negotiations on controlling nuclear intermediate range and space weapons opened yesterday, not with the scheduled formal plenary session but with a working lunch at the Soviet mission attended only by the delegation heads.

Workers beat the weather

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

People all over the country who have struggled to get to work against the elements this week got a pat on the back last night from the Confederation of British Industry for their "Herculean efforts".

A survey of CBI regions conducted yesterday shows that even in hard-hit Kent and Essex, workers in their tens of thousands have refused to allow the coldest weather for 50 years to prevent them from getting to factories.

The CBI said: "Skivers will always take the opportunity of this sort of situation but you have to offset them against the tremendous efforts made by so many people to get to work."

The Central Electricity Generating Board was expecting demand for power to surge again last night, but was not anticipating another record. Yesterday the board imported 1,000 megawatts from Scotland and up to 1,500 mw from France

The Meteorological Office said last night that the bitterly cold wind from the north-east would continue to buffet England and Wales throughout the week-end

● London tube stations are not to be opened up at night to provide shelter for the thousands of homeless people sleeping rough in the capital during the bitterly cold weather, the Government has decided.

But if the current Arctic conditions continue ministers are preparing to announce early next week that Britain's old and cold will again get a £5 cold weather payment.

● In spite of the counties being virtually cut off to most services, the majority of readers of *The Times* and *The Sun* in Kent and Essex have been receiving their newspapers while others have failed to reach newsagents or have been hours late.

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Police gunman in Brixton raid cleared by jury

By Michael McCarthy

Inspector Douglas Lovelock, the Metropolitan Police inspector whose shooting of Mrs Dorothy "Cherry" Groce sparked off the Brixton riots of 1985, was yesterday acquitted of unlawfully and maliciously wounding her.

After a nine-day trial at the Central Criminal Court, the jury took just over four hours to reach a unanimous verdict which brought gasps of relief from the policeman's relatives and friends.

The jury accepted the inspector's assertion that the shooting of the mother of six, during a raid on her home while police were searching for her son Michael, was accidental.

Mr Lovelock, aged 44, a policeman for 22 years, told the court that the shooting was caused by his "tensing" on the trigger of his revolver as he burst into a room at the very instant Mrs Groce was trying to get out.

The raid, which the inspector led but was not in charge of, ended an operation described in court as "disastrous" and badly planned.

It was followed by two nights of serious disturbances in the streets of Brixton, south London, where Mrs Groce lived in Normandy Road, during which cars were burned, shops looted and more than 50 people injured.

After the case, Inspector Lovelock expressed his sympathy to Mrs Groce, who was left paralysed for life, in a statement issued by his solicitor, Mr Rod Fletcher.

It said: "Inspector Lovelock wishes to express his sincere personal regret for the injury caused to Mrs Groce in this tragic accident. He also wishes to thank his family and friends for all their support and assistance." Mrs Groce, who gave evidence from her wheelchair, was not present in court. She is pursuing a civil action against the Metroplitan Police. It is likely she will be paid a six-figure sum in damages, the figure of £300,000 being mentioned by police sources.

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Her solicitor, Mr Paul Boateng, said last night: "The fact that my client received a life-shattering blow at the hands of Inspector Lovelock remains unaltered by this verdict. She meanwhile continues to pick up the pieces of her life as best she can, without bitterness or hatred."

Scotland Yard said last night that Inspector Lovelock, who is married with four children and has been suspended on full pay since the shooting on September 28, 1985, would be "reinstated to duty", but did not specify where or when. The inspector was an Authorized Firearms Officer during the raid on Mrs Groce's home, but the Yard said he had "suffered considerably on a personal basis from his experience" and it was "therefore unlikely that he would ever wish to carry a firearm again".

He still faces the possibility of disciplinary proceedings.

Proceedings are to be taken against nine members of Hertfordshire CID.

Uneasy ceasefire starts in Kabul

From Christopher Walker, Kabul

The bloody, eight-year-old civil war in Afghanistan halted temporarily and uneasily yesterday as some 165,000 Soviet and Afghan troops declared a unilateral ceasefire and the Communist Government pledged harsh retaliation against any Muslim rebels who decide to fight on.

In a move designed to cement the recent, Kremlin-inspired peace moves, Dr Najib, the Afghan leader, marked the ceasefire with a major speech unveiling a package of inducements designed to persuade many of the estimated five million Afghan refugees to return.

The offer, whose detailed terms took Western diplomats here by surprise, included a free pardon for thousands of army deserters who fled the country, a six-month exemption from conscription for returning refugees, a tax and rent "holiday" for their period of absence and guarantees of pensions, employment, education and housing.

Such refugees make up almost one fifth of the country's population.

In addition, Dr Najib announced that his Government was also considering an amnesty for some categories of prisoners

Speaking to 1,500 delegates of the National Fatherland Front — an umbrella group designed to provide the organizational framework to effect the new policy of national reconciliation — he also claimed to have reached an agreement with the Kremlin to pave the way for the pull-out of all Soviet troops.

Such a move would depend on the rebels sticking to the ceasefire, which many fighters oppose, and on the Gov-

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Tax cuts

Labour reaffirms claw-back

Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

A categorical pledge that Labour would reverse any income tax cuts made by the Chancellor in his March budget was made last night by Mr Roy Hattersley, who warned that the Government was leading the economy into a crisis.

The shadow chancellor, going well beyond the remarks of Mr Neil Kinnock last Sunday, said Britain was facing a credit and consumption boom of unparalleled proportions and warned that the domestic economy would be unable to cope.

Against that background, he said, there could be no possible justification for cutting taxation, increasing consumption, encouraging more consumer debt, sucking in more imports and bringing nearer a balance of trade and sterling crisis.

He confirmed that under Labour the £3.6 billion of tax cuts enjoyed by the 5 per cent of highest earners would be recouped, and that the overall level of taxes, apart from those on the highest paid, should remain at its present level.

"When the Chancellor cuts the standard rate, as he undoubtedly will, the Labour Party will vote against it in the House of Commons. What is more we will reverse that decision when we are elected and return to approximately the present level of taxation."

Mr Hattersley's speech to the International Equity Dealers Association in London warned that the Government was promoting the cuts as part of a package to win the election, but would have to reverse them immediately afterwards. He also said big public spending cuts would be needed.

Accepting the risks of telling the electorate that they would be reversed, Mr Hattersley said that tax cuts were the wrong prescription for the British economy — neither economically nor socially the right choice for the country.

Mr Hattersley's remarks were the first shots in the strategy agreed by the Shadow cabinet at its special session in Bishops Stortford last week. Labour intends portraying the Government as trying to forestall an inevitable economic crisis before the election.

But, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, last night said it was generally agreed that the economy was doing well.

Inquiry into the high price of airport diplomacy

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

British taxpayers will pay out an estimated £1,294,000 this year to provide little more than a free cup of coffee to wealthy Arab princes and other VIPs as they whisk through Heathrow Airport.

That is the cost to the Foreign Office of running the airport's four VIP lounges, plus another at Gatwick. Divided by the number of VIPs and their entourages, it works out at just under £100 per visit.

Two members of the Commons Foreign Affairs committee, which has consistently criticized the cost of the lounges in the past, are to visit the airport to discover why the Foreign Office is paying for what one of the pair, Mr Bowen Wells, Conservative MP for Hertford and Stortford, described yesterday as "the most expensive cups of coffee in the country".

The same money would "buy you a room for the night at the Ritz," he said. The committee has pointed out that £1.3 million would be roughly enough to keep ten diplomats abroad for a year.

The lounges are run on the FO's behalf by the British Airports Authority, which employs 12 staff to man them and provides tea, coffee and biscuits free, but nothing else - not even a television set. For this service, the FO is charged what Mr Wells describes as an "absurd" sum per VIP.

Neither Mr Wells nor his colleague, Mr Nigel Spearing, question the propriety of providing such facilities. But they intend to find out how the BAA justifies the charges and to examine whether an airport the size of Heathrow should not provide such facilities from within its own budget.

Equally remarkable, however, is the composition of the VIPs, who have to be accredited as such by the Foreign Office. Figures compiled in 1983-84 showed that while 28 per cent of the VIPs were foreign government ministers, 36 per cent were foreign and Commonwealth royalty.

"We didn't realize there was that amount of royalty in the world," said Mr Wells. The committee hinted at the reason when it said the figure "may hide disproportionate use by particular countries".

The truth becomes apparent in a glance at yesterday's list of expected VIPs. It includes no less than eight 'royals' from Saudi Arabia.

Each Prince or Princess brings a retinue, and sources say that a Foreign Office guideline suggesting ten as a maximum number is observed more in the breach than in the keeping.

"These people extend to us VIP treatment and it is right we should reciprocate," said Mr Wells. But, he continued: "As far as I can see the whole of the travelling public from the Arabian peninsular can be described as royalty and use the VIP lounge."

Portfolio —Gold—

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared by two readers yesterday. Details, page 3.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Brussels clue in Lamplugh hunt

Detectives searching for Miss Suzy Lamplugh yesterday alerted Interpol and drew up a *commission rogatoire* to obtain evidence from Belgian courts.

The moves followed the discovery of a metallic grey BMW car in St John's Wood, north London, abandoned at about the time of Miss Lamplugh's disappearance in August. Its owner is Mr David Kiper, whom detectives hope to interview at his Brussels home at the weekend or early next week.

Miss Lamplugh, aged 25, an estate agent, disappeared after meeting a man, identified in her appointments book as Mr Kipper, at a house she was hoping to sell in Shorrolds Road, Fulham.

The BMW with Belgian plates was recovered from Queen's Grove a week ago and has been subjected to extensive forensic science tests, but no links with Miss Lamplugh have been established. Mr Richard Ward reported the car to the police after tracing the owner through the Belgian Automobile Association.

Pay hope dashed

The 200 British scientists working on a joint European nuclear energy project have lost their case for the right to equal pay with European colleagues working on the same site in Oxfordshire.

The European Court of Justice in Luxembourg ruled that the project's statutes allowed for differences of treatment for staff from different organizations. Because the UK scientists' employer, the UK Atomic Energy Authority, was the host organization, the difference in treatment was justified.

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Farmland home call

Surplus agricultural land could provide enough land for housebuilding over the next decade, particularly in the South-east, according to Mr Peter Shore, president of the House-Builders' Federation.

The federation says that increased agricultural productivity and stricter European Community policies mean that between 2.4 million and 4 million acres of farmland will become redundant in the next 10 years.Only a small proportion of that surplus would be needed for housebuilding.

Child aid doubled

Immunization programmes in Africa and Asia aimed at saving the lives of tens of thousands of children every year will get a £5 million boost from Britain next week.

The extra cash, which almost doubles Britain's support for Unicef, the United Nations children's agency, will be announced by Mr Christopher Patten, Minister of State for Overseas Development next week.

The new money will be spent in Africa and Asia to combat measles, polio, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough and tuberculosis.

Bastion is breached

Mrs Edwina Coven yesterday became the first woman Chief Commoner of the City of London in 800 years, breaching one of the last bastions of male chauvinism.

Her only concession to the honorary title, equivalent to leader of a council, will be to alter her blouses to wear the complementary gold cufflinks embossed with the City crest.

Mrs Coven, aged 64, has been a doughty champion of women's rights, but was twice rejected in attempts to become an alderman.

Big backing for sit-in

Scottish Office officials were last night still trying to arrange an urgent meeting with the management of the Caterpillar tractor company whose decision to close its Glasgow plant has embarrassed the Government and led to a sit-in by the 1,220 workers.

Mass meetings at the plant yesterday endorsed the decision to stage an indefinite sit-in at the factory at Uddingston, Glasgow, and managers were forced to establish a base at a city hotel.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, described the move as "deplorable and inexplicable?

Credit limits urged to curb rising debts

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs
Correspondent

Restrictions on the amount of credit that multiple debtors can obtain and closer links between courts and advice agencies are called for today by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone.

A consultation paper shows that as the provision of credit has risen sharply in recent years, so has credit default: most of the two million claims a year brought in the civil courts in England and Wales are for unpaid debts arising from the supply of goods, services and credit.

The paper published today calls for a number of measures to improve the courts' handling of debt claims. These include easier access to the court system for both parties; restrictions on the amount of credit that multiple debtors may obtain; and restrictions on enforcing debts where debtors have no means to pay. Courts should also have the power to reduce the amount of a debt to be repaid, where approriate.

The paper, part of the large scale review of civil justice by the Lord Chancellor, says that in particular there must be special measures to deal with the problem of multiple debt: more debtors should be able to apply for the protection of an administration order, a form of mini-bankruptcy, it says.

At present, only debtors who have a judgement entered against them may apply to the court for its protection, and there is a limit on the maximum debt involved of £5,000. That should be abolished, the paper says.

Other proposals are that all debt cases should start in the county courts, to unify the system and relieve pressure on the High Court; that settling claims outside court should be encouraged, and court forms improved.

The paper is published with a study of debt claims by a firm of management consultants, Touche Ross, which shows that generally the system works well, and dispels the myth that county court bailiffs are less effective than their High Court equivalents - the sheriff's officers.

It suggests that enforcement by sheriffs should be put on a modern statutory basis.

On the positive side, it shows that more than 60 per cent of creditors manage to recover at least some of the debt without undue cost and delay.

On the negative side, a substantial minority of debtors are in low paid jobs, or are unemployed, and find it hard to pay off debts.

Civil Justice Review: enforcement of debt (£1) *and study of debt enforcement procedures* (£2). Lord Chancellor's Department, Great Peter Street, London SW1.

Airlines in fight to curb 'excessive' BAA profits

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The soon to be privatized British Airports Authority is set to make "an obscene rate of profit" from a new system of charging airlines for using Heathrow, two of its biggest customers claim.

PanAm and TWA are threatening to take legal action to get the method of levying charges — set down by the Government in a recent Act of Parliament — changed.

The new plans, they say, breach an international agreement under which airport charges should be directly related to cost. And, they claim, the formula will automatically give BAA excess profits of £70 million.

In a joint attempt to halt the proposed new charges, PanAm and TWA yesterday said they would take legal action against BAA in the British courts for imposing discriminatory fees and that they would be pressing the American government to take up the fight.

At the heart of the problem is the agreement that the BAA can raise its fees by the rate of inflation minus 1 per cent each year.

"We are being over-charged already and from that high base we will be faced with compound increases over the next five years that give will the privately owned monopoly of Heathrow Airport Ltd. an obscene rate of profit", said Mr Pete Runnette, vice-president of PamAm, said.

The airlines also say that BAA has based its fees for the coming year on a rate of inflation well above that predicted by the Government.

"The current proposals are at odds with the Government's stated objective of reducing air fares in Europe", Mr Runnette said. "The new formula may be very attractive to prospective purchasers of shares in BAA plc, but it will be very unattractive to people owning shares in British Airways."

Both airlines are pressing for the Civil Aviation Authority to be given powers to control airport charges, because, they argue, any monopoly will do whatever it can to make huge profits.

Airport charges around the world are calculated in different ways and it is difficult to make an accurate comparison. But PanAm claim that they have to pay £600 for a fully laden Boeing 747 to land in New York, compared with £4,000 for Heathrow.

Last year Heathrow alone made a trading profit of £66.1 million, although most of that came from concessions and duty-free sales.

The airlines claim last year's BAA profits were more than £31 million too high, compared with costs. And if the new formula had been in operation for the last five years this would have led to another £39 million.

There was little sign last night that the Government was prepared to think again about the new charges. Mr Michael Spicer, the Aviation Minister, said that the proposed regulations were "compatible with Britain's international obligations."

"Traffic charges at Heathrow and Gatwick are below the average of major international airports", he said. "Pan Am and TWA have enjoyed substantial reductions in their charges in real terms over the last five years and under the new formula airlines on average can look forward to continued real reductions."

- The Civil Aviation Authority yesterday gave formal backing to joint services across the Atlantic by British Caledonian and the Belgium airline Sabena.

Using a Sabena Boeing 747 flying from Brussels to Gatwick and then on to Atlanta, the two airlines are linked in a novel deal aimed at providing greater European competition to the American giant carriers.

A BBC television team says it has found new evidence that American servicemen may still be in captivity in south-east Asia, more than a decade after the end of the Vietnam War (our Arts Correspondent writes).

The programme includes this picture of an American called Ron Dodge, allegedly being held captive in Laos.

Clues are said to have emerged from eye-witness accounts of refugees who escaped and interviews with intelligence officers and North Vietnamese defectors.

The BBC says the 70-minute documentary, filmed partly in south-east Asia, also sheds new light on why successive United States administrations failed to secure the release of men classified as "missing in action".

Mr Christopher Olgiati, the producer, said: "After the war, the Vietnamese refused to supply a list or clarify what happened to 2,400 men whose fate was unknown. The film will produce evidence to show that many were still alive and some may have survived to this day."

It is due to be screened by BBC1 next Wednesday evening.

Teachers take fight to Lords

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Six of the teachers' unions and the local authority associations are backing the setting up of a national joint council to replace the Burnham committee in negotiating teachers' pay and conditions.

The unions, associations and opposition peers have agreed to put down an amendment to the committee stage of the teachers' pay Bill, to be voted on in the Lords on January 26/27, setting up this council instead of the interim advisory committee wanted by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education.

It is seen as the last chance for the unions and employers to stave off Mr Baker's plan to strip the unions and employers of negotiating rights and impose his £608 million settlement on the dispute.

His deal would give teachers an 8.2 per cent increase backdated to January 1 and a further 8.2 per cent from October 1. This will mean they receive average rises of 25 per cent over two years, including last year's increase.

But the amendment will lead to a clash between the Lords and the Government unless Mr Baker can be convinced that it does not replace the 55-strong Burnham committee with another Burnham-like body which cannot reach an agreement within his terms.

Labour, Alliance and some Independent and Conservative peers are likely to support the amendment because they do not like the idea of Mr Baker having the right to impose a pay and conditions deal on 440,000 teachers. But they will be influenced by the Burnham meeting on January 22.

Nursing shortage blamed for death

By Jill Sherman

A health authority has been criticized for "cumulative failings" after the death of an elderly woman who fell over in hospital.

The criticism comes from the Health Service Commissioner, Mr Anthony Barrowclough, who also upheld complaints from a mother who had to deliver her baby on her own in hospital because the midwife was treating another patient; and that of another mother who was not told the nature of her baby daughter's illness or why she subsequently died.

The elderly woman, who was admitted to hospital suffering from a depressive illness, died of head injuries which followed three falls after she got out of her hospital bed at night.

After taking up the case, one of 56 investigations completed between April and October last year, Mr Barrowclough concluded that night nursing staff levels were unsatisfactory. It was unreasonable that patients had to shout for help because there was no nurse call system on the ward.

The health authority assured the Ombudsman that his recommendations would be passed to nursing staff in all hospitals and that the night nursing establishment would be reviewed.

The pregnant woman who had to deliver her own baby complained that her husband was not informed of the progress of her labour and therefore was not present at the birth and the delivery room was so cold she feared for the baby's safety. The ombudsman considered it "indefensible" that the husband was not told about his wife's progress. He said: "A midwife was allocated to the complainant but failed to attend because she was with another patient."

Health Service Commissioner, First Report for Session 1986-87. Selected Investigations Completed April- October 1986. HMSO £11.70

Miner's gas warnings ignored, court told

Mr Edward Klycynski, a coalminer for 20 years, told the Abbeystead disaster hearing yesterday that during the four years he had worked on the tunnel at the water pumping scheme he reported methane gas three times.

"No one wanted to know," he said. On the third occasion he insisted on the report being written in an incident book and asked for a lamp to test for gas.

"I was told it was too much trouble to get me the lamp," he told Mr Justice Christopher Rose, QC, at the High Court sitting in Lancaster.

Mr Klycynski also claimed that while working underground miners on his shift emptied the first aid box of headache pills.

Thirty-one people are claiming up to £2 million damages after the explosion, which killed 16 and injured 28.

The case is continuing.

Journalists to challenge £1,000 fines

Forty-eight members of the National Union of Journalists who work for *The Times* at Wapping, east London, were last night considering their position after receiving letters telling them they would be expelled from the union unless they pay £1,000 fines imposed for crossing picket lines to work at the plant.

A meeting of *The Times* chapel (union branch) will meet to consider appealing against the fines. If such an appeal failed, The chapel may ask the High Court to rule that the instruction not to cross picket lines was unlawful as the NUJ had not held a ballot.

Another 320 journalists who work for News International were acquitted.

Single-union deals

TGWU joins growing trend

By Ronald Faux and Tim Jones

The Transport and General Workers' Union is preparing to sign a single-union deal with an employer which will take away negotiating rights previously held by other unions.

It is also planning a big recruitment drive.

In the past, the TGWU has strongly opposed single-union deals and its willingness to sign such an agreement covering about 800 workers with Norsk Hydro, the Norwegian-owned fertiliser company based on Humberside, is a significant step in the growing trend by companies in Britain to have only one bargaining unit at their plants.

Leading members of the TGWU have in the past condemned other unions, notably the electricians and engineers, for negotiating such deals, which often include no-strike agreements.

Norsk Hydro has for some time recognized only the TGWU in a strike-free deal it obtained after a ballot of its workforce, but the union's officials were not prepared to sign until the other unions involved had agreed.

Those other unions,the engineers, electricicians, building workers and the white-collar ASTMS, have now indicated to the Trades Union Congress their willingness to endorse the deal.

The TGWU decision signifies a growing trend towards single-union agreements and binding no-strike deals. Although 3.5 million workers are still covered by closed-shop agreements, that number has dropped by more than one million since 1980.

Since then, the number of working days lost through industrial disputes has fallen from 11,964,000 to 2,100,000 last year, and manufacturing output has grown by 40 per cent.

Behind the TGWU recruitment drive at the Wembley Conference Centre, in London, is the stark realization that membership has fallen from 2,228,000 in 1979 to 1,434,000 in 1985.

Cold weather chaos

Motorist drives off after 39 hours in snowdrift

By David Cross
and Craig Seton

A motorist was rescued yesterday after spending 39 hours in sub-zero temperatures trapped in his car by huge snowdrifts.

The man was discovered cold and hungry, but otherwise none the worse for his ordeal, by council crews operating a snowplough and snow-blower to reopen a main road over bleak moorland near Otterburn, 17 miles north-west of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

After warming up with tea from their flask, he thanked them, got back into his car, and said: "I have got to press on to Dundee."

Northumbria Police said: "He did not leave his name and we do not even know where he was from, just that he had to get to Dundee. He must have kept the engine running because he seemed all right, although it must have been very bleak and very cold up there."

The Arctic conditions yesterday claimed the lives of at least another eight people, including a woman aged 75 in Sussex and a clergyman in west Wales.

Miss Christabel Hadley was found semi-conscious with head injuries at the back of her cottage at Netherfield, near Battle, after slipping over as she was trying to feed her birds and pet rabbits.

The Rev Alfred Parry, also aged 75, died when an electric fire set his bedclothes on fire in Newquay, Dyfed.

In Leicestershire, a heating engineer was found dead in his van at Pickworth Drift with his hands frozen to the steering wheel. Police said that he appeared to have died after trying to dig himself out of a four-foot snowdrift on Wednesday night.

Yesterday, the Princess of Wales visited a day centre in Islington, north London, to see at first hand how old people were coping with the cold. She also spoke to volunteers and full-time workers manning Help the Aged's Heating Hotline, the phone-in service which offers advice to pensioners on how to keep warm.

Although British Rail services were seriously disrupted by freezing points, drifting snow and broken down rolling-stock, trains were running on most InterCity lines, although less frequently and often with long delays.

Birmingham New Street, one of the busiest stations in the country, was temporarily out of commission after a signalling failure, and passengers on a Newcastle to Plymouth train were stranded for eight hours just two miles from Templemead station in Bristol when the points failed.

East Anglia, Essex, and Kent again bore the brunt of the snow and chill winds. At Lenham, near Maidstone, more than 100 drivers had to be rescued from their vehicles by villagers, soldiers and police when they were trapped by huge snowdrifts.

RAF helicopters flew in milk and bread to the seaside village of Mundesley in Norfolk, which had been cut off by deep snow since the weekend.

In Kent, police warned drivers that they might be prosecuted if they abandoned their cars or lorries in such a way as to hamper the passage of emergency vehicles. The Automobile Association also issued a warning to motorists that failure to keep their engines topped up with anti-freeze could disqualify them from insurance cover for the cost of repairs.

At Runnymede, in Surrey, a Thames police launch was stuck in ice as the river froze over from bank to bank for the first time since 1963.

In Chester, a woman had a lucky escape when she mistakenly drove her Mini Metro along a frozen canal. She thought she was on Canal Street, not the Shropshire Union Canal.

The woman drove more than 100 yards before being warned by a passer-by. She ran off across the ice, abandoning leaving her car.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds yesterday called on the Government to ban the shooting of wild geese and ducks if the freeze persisted.

Mr Ian Armstrong, north regional officer for the organization, said: "They are very tame and vulnerable

Ulster MP in Dublin court case alters plea

By Richard Ford

Mr Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, will be sentenced today after changing his plea and admitting his part in an unlawful assembly in an Irish border village.

Mr Robinson, the DUP MP for East Belfast, was refused bail and taken to the Irish Republic's top security prison at Portlaoise. But after discussions involving the Department of Justice he was transferred to Limerick prison to await sentencing.

The maximum penalty for unlawful assembly is two years. If Mr Robinson receives a sentence of a year or more he will be disqualified from the House of Commons, and forced to give up his seat, which he holds with a majority of nearly 8,000.

The suprise change of plea came on the third day of his juryless trial at the special criminal court in Dublin.

Earlier the court was told that Irish police officers feared they were to be beaten to death when they were attacked by a "loyalist" mob in Clontibret, Co Monaghan last August.

The court had heard from the police that Mr Robinson, aged 38, was caught as he ran away dressed in a "rubber wet suit" which was over a hooded jacket.

As the hearing began yesterday, Mr Desmond Boal QC asked for his client to be re-arraigned in the dock and the charge of unlawful assembly put to him.

Mr Robinson, flanked by two uniformed officers, stood in the dock and after the charge was put replied: "Guilty".

The prosecution will not proceed with ten other charges of assaulting police officers and causing malicious damage of IR£1,700 to vehicles and property, which the MP denied.

Outside the court Mr Ian Paisley, the leader of the DUP, refused to discuss any details of the case but said: "Naturally I am delighted that my deputy leader had been exonerated from ten of the eleven charges laid against him. That is very good news for us all".

After Mr Robinson had pleaded guilty his counsel made a request for continuing bail, which was rejected by the court.

Solicitors set for 6% rise in fees

By Our Legal Affairs
Correspondent

Solicitors and barristers were offered 5 and 6 per cent increases in fees for criminal legal aid work by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, yesterday.

The immediate reaction from both sections of the profession indicated that the increase, to take effect from April 1, is likely to be accepted and not lead to another dispute with the Government.

Mr Peter Scott QC, chairman of the Bar, said: "Bearing in mind that the last increase took effect from October, this seems an acceptable increase."

But he added that the Bar would be seeking "further improvements" as the new mechanism for negotiating fees - set up in the wake of last year's pay dispute - takes effect.

The Law Society said that the figure was "within the range which was expected, better than the annual rate of inflation and compares favourably with other public sector pay increases."

To take account of solicitors' higher overheads, they have been offered one percentage point more than the Bar."

The pay offer is not this time linked to improvements in working practices but the Lord Chancellor's Department made clear in its statement yesterday the 1988 pay talks will be.

It further added that the Lord Chancellor was "committed to the introduction of a standard fee system for solicitors in the course of the next few months."

The Law Society is not oppposed in principle to standard or fixed fees, which would entail solicitors being paid a set amount for the kind of work undertaken rather than for how long it takes. But there is considerable feeling that any such system should not be compulsory.

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Guidelines ignored as officers stormed house in search of armed man

Repeated police bungling led to rioting

By Michael McCarthy

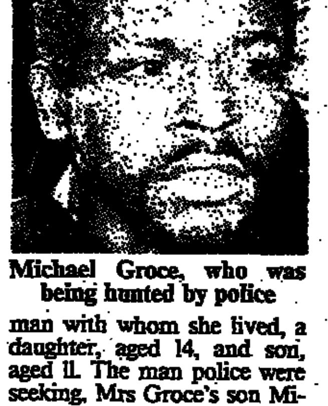
A disastrous police operation plagued by rule-bending, inter-force rivalry, hastiness and negligent intelligence was exposed during the trial of Inspector Douglas Lovelock, who was cleared yesterday of maliciously wounding Mrs Dorothy "Cherry" Groce.

The repeated mistakes and eventual shooting of Mrs Groce led to the Brixton riots of September, 1985.

Least of all to blame was the man who in the end fired the shot, a brave, hard-working and hitherto utterly reliable officer, whose gun went off as he burst into Mrs Groce's bedroom at the very second that she came *rushing out.*

He had been led to believe that the room he was entering contained a violent young criminal who had already fired at police with a sawn-off shotgun and was likely to fire again to resist arrest.

Instead, it contained Mrs Groce, then aged 37, and the mother of six children, the man with whom she lived, a daughter, aged 14, and son, aged 11. The man police were seeking, Mrs Groce's son Michael, then aged 22, was not in the house.



Michael Groce, who was being hunted by police

The inspector, a policeman for more than 20 years and married with four children, was taking part in the operation as an "authorized shot", one of many officers trained in the use of firearms.

He was "no trigger-happy gun-toting John Wayne type", as Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, his defence counsel, pointed out at the trial. He was a steady, careful and responsible man, with a Commissioner's commendation for bravery and leadership in tackling armed robbers, who had already voiced the opinion that the whole operation should be handed over to Scotland Yard's specialist firearms squad, D11.

Senior officers thought otherwise and decided that the raid should go ahead with Mr Lovelock at "the sharp end".

The single bullet fired by Mr Lovelock which hit Mrs Groce at her home in Normandy Road, Brixton, south London, had devastating consequences. Not only did it leave her crippled for life, it ignited the public order powder keg that Brixton remains, sparking two nights of savage rioting.

Buildings and cars were burned and looted, more than 200 people arrested, two young women raped (one of them the daughter of a Tory MP) and more than 50 people injured, including a young photographer who later died.

Yet these were the very consequences that the police who set out to raid the house thought they were taking pains to prevent. They were acutely aware that any incident between themselves and the black community could quickly turn to violent confrontation.

Unfortunately, there were already serious misapprehensions in the hunt for Michael Groce, a young man with a lengthy criminal record.

They began with detectives from Hertfordshire, who wanted to question him about an armed robbery in Royston on September 10, 1985. On Thursday, September 26, they travelled to London to seek him at a flat in Stamford Street, near Waterloo station, without troubling to tell Scotland Yard.

Some time before their arrival, Mr Groce, in the midst of a row with his girl friend, discharged a sawn-off shotgun *into a wardrobe* as an act of bravado. When the Hertfordshire detectives arrived he threatened them with the empty weapon before escaping.

These facts, serious enough, were converted by rumour, bad communications and inter-force rivalry into an immensely more serious set of allegations: that Mr Groce had fired at the officers with the sawn-off shotgun on their approach.

There was undoubtedly a feeling that if Mr Groce was to be caught, the Kennington detectives would show their "country" colleagues how it was done.

Inspector Douglas Lovelock leaving the court with his daughter, and Mrs Dorothy Groce, the victim of the shooting (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Mr Groce was sought all day on September 26, and Mr Lovelock, who was deputy to the Chief Inspector (Operations) at Kennington, took part, armed, in two searches.

The next day, two Kennington detective constables, Keith Skardon and Michael Finch, produced an address for Mr Groce: 22, Normandy Road. They asked their superior, Det Chief Inspector John Troon, for an armed raid on the house and he agreed.

> ❛ We had no information as to who was in the house ❜

Although Mr Groce sometimes visited the house, it was the home of his mother Dorothy, known as "Cherry", and three of her children. This was never ascertained by the detectives, or by the officer who planned the raid on the house, Chief Inspector (now Superintendent) Ian Beckett, from the neighbouring police district of Brixton, where Normandy Road is situated. Chief Inspector Beckett admitted: "We had no information as to who was in the house."

Although Chief Inspector Beckett resisted pressure for an immediate raid, with Inspector Lovelock's support, the pressure from the CID to "get on with it" very likely contributed to the perfunctory nature of the checks that were carried out.

A surveillance operation was ruled out because it was certain to be discovered. An approach to Lambeth council, which owned the house, was ruled out because it was feared that the left-wing local authority might leak details of the plan. The local home beat officer did not know who lived in the house.

But there was one source of information, which would have helped and was immediately available —the electoral roll, a copy of which is kept in the police station.

The 1985 Brixton electoral roll clearly shows the only registered electors at 22 Normandy Road as Dorothy Groce and her daughter, Juliet, an epileptic.

Chief Inspector Beckett said at the trial he had not consulted it although he thought Inspector Stuart Baker, the duty inspector at Brixton, and the home beat officer, PC Anthony Freeman, had done so. Inspector Baker was not called as a witness. PC Freeman, in the evidence he gave, did not mention it.

Certainly the names of Dorothy and Juliet Groce had never been mentioned to Inspector Lovelock when, at seven o'clock the next morning, he led the raid in the role of "authorized firearms officer". He did not for one moment think he would find women and children.

The Metropolitan Police training instruction for entering a house believed to contain an armed suspect is brutally simple: Do not enter.

In the event of a confrontation, Metropolitan firearms officers are taught that the time they have to make up their minds to react is three-eighths of a second. This is impossible in practice, so they should at all costs avoid a situation where it might be necessary.

The officers seeking to arrest Michael Groce broke this golden rule. But it must be said that once they had made their mistaken assessment that he was to be found at 22 Normandy Road, they faced a cruel dilemma; in Brixton, Britain's wost crime district, containment is easier said than done.

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The decision was therefore taken to make a quick "surgical strike", enter the house and arrest Mr Groce before the neighbourhood knew what was happening.

Debate has been considerable within the Metroplitan police about this decision. And officers from West Yorkshire, who investigated the incident on behalf of the Police Complaints Authority, believe it led directly to the shooting.

They say that once the inspector was inside that house with his revolver drawn, given his training and the circumstances that prevailed, there was a very great chance he would fire.

It was all over in two seconds, three at the most. Mrs Groce, lying on her bed in the room but not asleep, rose alarmed as the front door was smashed open.

She reached the room door at the very instant the inspector kicked it open, at the tautest pitch of tension, fearful for his life, his revolver ready.

He saw a dark shape coming upon him and "tensed" with his finger on the trigger. A shot rang out.

Portfolio —Gold—

Cash will go towards motorbike

An unemployed motor cycle enthusiast and an elderly widow shared yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize.

Mr Tim Thompson, aged 22, of Montpellier Road, Brighton, Sussex, said his £2,000 share of the prize would pay off his overdraft and go towards the motor cycle he planned to buy once the winter was over.

He said: "I'm staring out of the window with frustration because I can't ride in this weather. The roads are open, *but only with trepidation.*

"The bank will get a chunk of the money but there'll be enough left over to go towards a new bike I'm going to buy in the spring."

*Mrs Elizabeth Selby-*Bothroyd, aged 74, of Bridgen Road, Bexley, Kent, said that the first thing she would do with her share of the prize would be to hire a tree surgeon *to tidy up* her garden.

Mrs Selby-Boothroyd, who has been reading *The Times* for more than half a century, said: "There's one big old tree in particular that needs attention. *I don't know how much* a tree surgeon will cost but I doubt that I'll have much trouble spending the rest of the money."

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Austin Rover, Fiat, Peugeot-Talbot and Hyundai already have franchise agreements with Asda, which said no manufactrer has refused to do business with it.

Pressure on firearms policy

By a Staff Reporter

The shooting of Mrs Groce has concentrated minds at Scotland Yard and the Home Office even further on the police use of firearms.

After two similar disasters, both are vividly aware of the high level of public concern.

In January 1983, Scotland Yard detectives shot Steven Waldorf, aged 27, a film editor, in mistake for an escaped *gunman. Mr Waldorf* was shot five times in his car in Earls Court, south-west London, and then "pistol-whipped", receiving a fractured skull.

The Metropolitan *Police* later paid him a total of £142,000 in compensation. Two detective constables, John Jardine and Peter Finch, stood trial for attempted murder and were *acquitted.*

In August 1985, a West Midlands police constable, Brian Chester, shot dead John Shorthouse, aged five, while searching the boy's home at *King's Norton,* Birmingham, for his father, who was wanted for armed robbery. Last July, PC Chester was cleared of manslaughter.

The Groce shooting has put added pressure on those reponsible for police firearms policy and may well lead the Home Office working party looking at the subject, and due *to report in the next few weeks,* to recommend even stricter controls, such as a further reduction in the number of officers permitted to carry guns, and an increase in *specialized weapons squads.*

But it is unlikely of itself to produce any big or immediate changes in Metropolitan Police firearms theory and practice, as a wide-ranging review of Scotland Yard's policies was instituted after the Waldorf case and is still going on.

Furthermore, the Yard's foremost firearms expert, involved with the recent tightening-up of training and operational procedures, believes accidental shootings could happen again.

"It could happen tomorrow morning", Chief Superintendent Bob Wells, head of the Metropolitan Police Firearms Unit, says. "There is nothing in what we've done that could change the possibility that once two people are three feet apart, in three-eighths of a second, one may or may not fire.

"It could be either party, don't forget. The whole emphasis of what we are looking at is how to avoid that confrontation taking place."

Chief Superintendent Wells says pointedly: "The average police *officer carrying* a gun or planning a firearms operation is as much, if not more, aware of the giant inverted triangle of consequences poised above his head, as he is of the personal dangers he and his men are involved in; but all around there are operational and practical decisions he just has to take".

In a four-year rolling programme, *not due to finish until* the end of this year, Scotland Yard has doubled the initial firearms training period from a week to a fortnight and introduced much stricter selection and assessment for officers who wish to be trained, greater monitoring of those qualified and more compulsory refresher courses. In addition, new ranges at the training centre at Lippitts Hill, Epping Forest, are equipped with continuous video monitoring so that students and instructors can spot faults more quickly.

Mr Wells is unwilling to comment directly on the Lovelock case but he said in general terms: "The performance of the man at the front end of every job is the result of the planning".

His conclusion is shared by the officers from West Yorkshire police, led by the Assistant Chief Constable (now *retired)* Mr John Domaille, who investigated the incident for the Police Complaints Authority.

One said: "In this case there's no doubt that the *senior* Met officers felt that they had to do what they did. But if you do decide to go into a house in these circumstances, with such a lack of information, one of the risks that you run is that what happened here, will happen."

Mrs Groce herself, paralysed for life and confined to a wheelchair, is conducting a civil action against the police for damages, but has said she is not bitter. She appealed from her hospital bed for the rioting to stop.

Her son Michael gave himself up shortly after the shooting. In March 1986, at Southwark Crown Court, he admitted possessing a sawn-off shotgun and having the weapon having been previously been convicted of crime.

Judge Gerald Butler, QC, took what he described as "a wholly exceptional course" in suspending for two years the two concurrent 12-month prison sentences he passed, "by reason of the many powerful, and in some respects, unusual, mitigating features".

Coercion by police is denied

A retired schoolmaster denied yesterday that he was giving evidence against animal rights activists under pressure from the police.

Mr John Hewson, aged 63, of Baslow Road, Totley, Sheffield, a former member of the Animal Liberation Front support group, has told the court that on January 5, 1985 he went to a meeting at Kevin Baldwin's home, where he saw an incendiary bomb.

Mrs Vera Baird, defending Mr Baldwin, of Idsworth Road, Firth Park, Sheffield, asked Mr Hewson about a conversation alleged to have taken place in the court coffee bar when, she claimed, Mr Hewson said he was under pressure from police to give evidence.

Mr Hewson said: "I am giving evidence against Mr Baldwin because the evidence is true."

Mr Baldwin is charged, with five others, *who have all* pleaded not guilty at Sheffield Crown Court to conspiracy to commit arson and criminal damage and inciting criminal damage.

The trial continues.

Television advertising

Call for extra commercials

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

A proposal to increase the number of television commercials is expected to be considered next month by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Advertisers have asked the authority to adjust the formula established in 1955, which limits advertising to an average of six minutes an hour throughout the day and a maximum of seven minutes in any single hour.

The formula has resulted in a growing shortage of slots for commercials, and is blamed by advertisers for a 20 per cent increase in the cost of airtime last year.

Television and advertising industry sources said yesterday they are virtually certain that the IBA will give concessions to the broadcasters. It is expected to increase the amount of advertising by at least 14 minutes a day.

Advertisers are particularly anxious that the IBA should permit an additional minute of commercials during the peak viewing hours, for which air-time prices have increased the most.

It can cost up to £150,000 for an advertiser to buy a 30-second commercial to be aired nationally during *News at 10.*

Advertisers say that without a change in IBA rules, commercial costs could rise by another 15 per cent this year, effectively excluding many of them from access to television.

Miss Bronwyn Maddox, a media analyst with Kleinwort Grieveson, the City stock brokerage, was among those yesterday predicting an IBA relaxation. She said the move would increase the profits of television stations and slow the rate at which advertising costs have been inflating.

Baby died after 'lifetime of abuse'

A jury was told yesterday of the appalling injuries suffered by a baby who died in a freezing bedroom after allegedly being beaten and ill-treated for all but six weeks of his life.

Gareth Bedford was 13 months old and weighed just 14 pounds when he died. Doctors found that he had bruising to his skull, bleeding in his brain cavity, bruises to his chest, *elbow, buttocks and* pelvis, and scratches on his cheek.

Thirteen of his ribs had been fractured two weeks before his death, Lincoln Crown Court was told.

His parents, Shane Bedford, aged 23, and Kathleen Hessey, aged 21, of Tower Drive, Lincoln, both deny child cruelty and assault.

Mr Peter Morrell, for the prosecution, said that in spite *of the injuries, the prosecution* did not blame the parents for the death, and believed the baby may have been a victim of cot death syndrome.

He said the baby had been thrown in his cot with blood coming from his mouth during an argument between his parents. The baby's room was unheated and there was deep snow outside. When the parents checked the child at teatime the next day, he was *dead.* The trial continues.

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Stalker answers 'needed quickly'

The public should be told quickly what inquiries Mr John Stalker, former deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, was making and what conclusions he had reached before he was taken off the inquiry into allegations concerning the RUC, **Mr Peter Archer**, chief Opposition spokeman on Northern Ireland, said during Commons questions.

"Otherwise, speculation is inevitable that he was investigating something important and that some people in high positions wanted to prevent him investigating it."

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said that Mr Archer's question illustrated to clearly the importance of getting as much as possible clearly established in the public domain as soon as possible. However, the whole of Mr Stalker's team working on the inquiry continued their work *under the direction of Mr Colin* Sampson.

Referendum called for

If a referendum on the Anglo-Irish agreement was held in both the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland it would show a very large majority in favour and thereby strengthen the agreement. **Mr David Winnick** (Walsall North, Lab) said during Commons questions.

Mr King said the point raised about a referendum was a serious one. There were suggestions of some form of referendum and one of the questions which would arise would be who *should be the constituency for* that referendum.

RUC praised by minister

It was sad that those in high places, political or ecclesiastical, should refuse to encourage young men and women, in the national interest, to join the Royal Ulster Constabulary, which was a non-political police force, **Sir Eldon Griffiths** (Bury St Edmunds, C) said during Commons questions on Ulster.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said that he found it difficult to overstate his respect for the skill and professionalism of the RUC and he would encourage anyone in Ulster who wanted a peaceful society to give *their* whole-hearted support to the force.

SDLP 'ready' for talks

The Social and Democratic Labour Party was ready to take part in talks on devolution between the parties in Northern Ireland without preconditions, **Mr John Hume** (Foyle, SDLP) said during questions on the province in the Commons.

Police hours

The Metropolitan Police spent nearly 1.2 million police manhours in connection with the Wapping printers' dispute up to the end of 1986, **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a written reply. He also said that 410 police officers had been injured during the dispute up to January 9.

Work review

A review is about to begin to measure the work being done in the operational laboratories of the Forensic Science Service, **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a written reply. Its terms of reference are to be discussed with trade unions soon. That and a review of the contribution of the Home Office Forensic Science Service to investigation and detection of crime are expected to be complete by August.

Fishing move

Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, announced in a written reply that pelagic licences for purse-seiners and freezer trawlers are to be interchangeable to allow the balance of the fishing fleet to adjust itself more effectively to the situation and market needs over the longer term.

Pilkington merger plan will not be referred

Amid protests from all parts of the House, **Mr Paul Channon**, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced that he had decided not to refer the proposed merger between BTR plc and Pilkington Brothers plc, the glass manufacturers, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission under the Fair Trading Act, 1973.

He said his decision had been made in accordance with the recommendation of the Director General of Fair Trading.

"I accepted the Director General's advice that the merger did not raise significant competition issues. Like the Director General, I gave careful consideration to the concerns expressed about the effect of the proposed takeover on Pilkington's management philosophy and commercial direction.

"While accepting that these are important issues, I believe the shareholders of Pilkington are best placed to make a judgement on them."

Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab), who had asked a private notice question about the decision, said that it had been greeted with widespread dismay by the whole Pilkington workforce. The involvement in the bid of Morgan Grenfell, already deeply involved in the Guinness scandal, meant that it would have been in everyone's best interests, particularly Mr Channon's, for the bid to have been referred to the commission, particularly because of the 20p surge in Pilkington's price last night.

"What about the national interest and the jobs? The workforce throughout Great Britain intend to step up their campaign against the BTR bid because they recognize that it has no industrial logic. Why cannot the minister recognize that?"

Mr Channon, who had met Mr Evans with a deputation earlier, emphasized that what he had decided had been entirely consistent with the policy announced as long ago as July 1984, and applied ever since, that references were made mainly on competition grounds. He was not expressing any views on the merits of the bid.

Mr Kenneth Hind (West Lancashire, C) asked if Mr Channon appreciated the disappointment *of many* Pilkington employees in the North-west. The loyal Pilkington workforce, through research and development and other work, had made the company the world's premier glass maker. "That loyalty will not easily be transferred to another conglomerate run by BTR."

The shareholders should be allowed to maintain investment free from the sort of interference seen in the Guinness and Distillers bid.

Mr Channon said that it was now for the shareholders to weigh the arguments and decide on the best long-term future for their company.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) said that the decision was inconsistent with decisions like those on the *Royal Bank of Scotland* and Sotheby's which had been referred. The rules should be changed. The decision would be a calamity because so many people were out of work. He was against a company that had made itself vulnerable, because it had invested in research and development, being preyed on by a predator like BTR.

Mr Channon said the cases Mr Alton had cited had occurred before July 1984. Years ago there had been complaints about the unpredictability of reference policy and a desire for predictable criteria on judging whether cases should be referred.

Sir Anthony Meyer (Clwyd North West, C): Whatever the difficulties facing the minister, this Government and this party will bitterly rue the day that they seemed to be washing their hands of the future of a firm so outstanding for its technical achievement, its care for its workforce and its contribution to regional policy.

Mr Channon replied that a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would not necessarily have prevented a takeover. If the commission recommended that the takeover was not against the public interest he had no powers to stop it.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Warrington South, C) said it would be a pity if a great manufacturing company like Pilkington, which had played such a major part in the industrial life of St Helens and the whole North-west, should cease to be an independent company.

Mr Channon said it would be wrong for him to express any preference.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that Mr Channon should put the interests of the community and the people of the North-west above this rather strange concept that competition must decide everything. It was clear that some Pilkington shareholders might think it better to make a financial killing than to consider the interests of the local people.

Mr Channon said he could not reconsider his decision.

Mr William Powell (Corby, C) said it was plainly very much in the national interest that companies with a strong regional base should be allowed to flourish and companies putting maximum effort into research and development and the long-term future should be allowed to prevail. Would the minister take an early opportunity of making it clear to Pilkington shareholders and others that these were very much the sort of considerations the Government had in mind?

Mr Channon: I agree with a great deal. It is important that companies with a strong regional and research and development base should flourish.

Mr Gerald Bermingham (St Helens South, Lab) said that there came a point when the state or government had a responsibility. This was a takeover bid which made little or no industrial sense.

Mr Channon: In a difficult case of this kind I have to weigh all the factors concerned before coming to a decision. My decision was wholly consistent with decisions taken over many years that reference should be made finally on competition grounds. It is only reasonable and right that there should be some element of predictability and consistency in these decisions.

Mr Robin Cook, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: Pilkington is a company which provides a large number of jobs in regions where this Government has created large numbers of unemployed. It is a company with a proven track record in developing high technology. It is the minister's business to protect British jobs

The market plainly knew about this bid yesterday. Is it not now clear that, despite the brave talk on stamping out insider dealing, this Government has not yet succeeded in stopping the leaks from his own department?

Mr Channon: I have no evidence of that whatsoever. I recognize that Pilkington's record on high technology is extremely good and that it employs a large number of people. It is for the shareholders to decide what is best for the long-term prosperity of the company.

Later, during questions about next week's Commons business, **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, said that national trading and industrial interests were not served by conglomerates gobbling up productive and technologically progressive British manufacturing companies and it was a fitting matter for reference to the Mergers and Monopolies Commission. He asked for an undertaking that the Government would shortly provide time for a debate on this and related issues.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, said the matter would clearly be covered by next Tuesday's debate on the Government's economic policy.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said that he supported Mr Kinnock's call for a debate at an early date on the takeover mania that had seized this country.

Mr Biffen: I take account of his anxiety that there should be a debate on monopolies and mergers.

Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister (left), bidding farewell at Chatham House in London yesterday to President Mitterrand of France after the President delivered a speech on the future of Europe. Report, page 8 (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Nothing is being kept under wraps, MPs told

GUINNESS

There was no question whatever of keeping anything under wraps, Mr Michael Howard, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said when he was questioned in the Commons on the Guinness affair, described by the Opposition as the biggest City scandal for a generation.

"If anything merits investigation, it will be investigated fully, properly, thoroughly and effectively", he said.

He was replying to Mr Robin Cook, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, who asked him to extend the terms of reference of the investigation by inspectors into the affairs of Guinness in the light of recent events in the company and its corporate advisers.

Mr Howard said that the inspectors already had wide terms of reference which enabled them to investigate any matter concerning Guiness and to require any persons, including its corporate advisers, whom they considered to have relevant information, to give evidence to them.

As and when he recieved any material suggesting misconduct in a matter not concerning Guinness, he would consider it and take any appropriate action. He would certainly not hesitate to make a further appointment of inspectors if the circumstanced justified it.

Mr Cook said it was believed in the City that as many as 90 million shares in Guinness may have been paid during last year's bid on the basis of improper indemnities by Guinness itself.

Was he aware that the trail of the slush fund with which they were financed led to some of the most hallowed and established names in the City?

It was now clear that they were in the middle of the biggest City scandal for a generation, so big that even the public relations talents of Sir Gordon Reece could not keep it under wraps. The blame for these events could not be shuffled off on a few individuals who had been thrown overboard.

It was the Government who was encouraging the takeover stampede by its relaxed attitude to such bids. Did Mr Howard not recognize that it was his Government which had achieved only a trickle of prosecutions for fraud in the City in stark contrast to its attitude to fraud in the social security system. His Government had created an "anything goes" climate in the City.

Could he give the House an assurance that the DTI inquiry was not discussed when the Prime Minister attended a private lunch last week at the London offices of Bain and Co, who employ the fianancial director just dismissed by Guinness?

Why was it that the public authorities apparently detected nothing wrong until tipped off nine months later by the American authorities? Surely this week's events must have shaken the complacence even of the minister.

"Why does he *not now* admit that we desperately and urgently need an independent public watchdog to restore law and order in the City of London?"

Mr Howard said he would not wish to take any step which would be likely to impede the investigation of the inspectors. So far as prosecutions were concerned, Mr Cook had come out with the hoary and entirely misconceived assertion that prosecutions for insider dealing were inadequate.

The record of prosecutions which had taken place since insider dealing was first made a criminal offence by this Government did indeed leave something to be desired.

That was precisely why they had taken powers in the Financial Services Act of a quite unprecedented nature requiring people to answer questions even if such questions would incriminate them.

Sir Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C) said that it was a sordid affair that may well involve the DPP. What steps was he taking to protect the interests of shareholders.

Mr Howard: I cannot comment on the affairs of Guinness. Guinness is now under new direction. Those responsible would take such comments to heart.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP), Alliance spokesman on trade and industry, said that there was already sufficient information in the public domain to make it quite clear that the whole affairs stank and was leaving a dreadful aroma over the whole of the City.

What resources were being made available to carry out this investigation with the utmost expedience. Could he indicate when the investigation would be completed?

Mr Howard said the inspectors were not subject to any constraints so far as the resources available to them. They were well aware of the need to carry out their investigation as soon as possible subject only to the need to carry out a full, thorough and effective inquiry. As soon as they reported, that report would be made public.

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab) said that they were not just talking about a few individuals who had done something wrong but about some of the most prominent names in the whole City of London, including merchant bankers, solicitors and those with responsibilities for the stock-broking aspects.

None of this might have come out if it had not been for information gathered from the United States setting off the whole investigation. They were not talking about small matters. They needed proper regulation if the City was going to hold the place that many had expected for it when deregulation started.

Mr Howard said he could not comment on the source of the information which led to the appointment of inspectors but as soon as it came to the attention of the department it had acted speedily and promptly to appoint independent inspectors to investigate these matters.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C) congratulated the minister and his inspectors on they way they had conducted their duties thus far. He had been the first MP to raise in the House the way Guinness and Morgan Grenfall were behaving in July 1985. He supported self-regulation but when the individuals carrying out their duties were falling down it was right to comment on it.

Mr Cook was one of the few Labour MPs who had been consistent on this matter, unlike Mr Kinnock.

Mr Howard said the Opposition had been far from consistent in its approach to these matters, but he could certainly confirm that Mr Walker had been vigorous in drawing matters to the attention of the department.

Mr Thomas Clarke (Monklands West, Lab) said that in view of the potential for further job losses if Guinness continued their present programme, and especially in Scotland, would the minister or the Secretary of State use their influence to invite them to withdraw their notorious programme of rationalization, especially as it flew in the face of all the assurances given by Mr Saunders in the takeover campaign?

Mr Howard said these were matters for the company and he was sure they would take all the circumstances into account when making their decision.

Co-operation 'best way to beat terror'

N IRELAND

The best hope for the defeat of terrorism in Northern Ireland must come from closer and effective co-operation with the Irish Republic, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said during Commons questions. The Anglo-Irish agreement offered the best prospect of that achievement.

He was replying to Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) who said that the agreement was constantly misrepresented by Unionist politicians. Mr King should take the initiative himself and, with the aid of television, spell out its terms to the citizens of the United Kingdom.

It could be developed effectively if only the politicians of the North could sit down and work together for the common good.

Mr Nicholas Baker (Dorset North, C) said that the agreement could bring great benefits to the Unionists. Would Mr King urge them to come back to the Commons and discuss democratically the way it was working?

Mr King said that he very much hoped they would recognize the need to return to the chamber. The agreement offered an opportunity for the minority tradition to be represented and for their views to be taken into account. It was very much in the interests of the majority in Northern Ireland that the minority should feel their views were fairly represented.

Mr Enoch Powell (Down South, OUP) asked when Mr King expected the European Convention on Terrorism, held out as one of the prizes of the agreement, to be ratified by the Irish Republic. "Would he take out a £100 bet on this with me?"

Mr King said he understood that it had been passed by the Justice Minister and had passed through the lower House. "We hope it will make every progress necessary so that it can go through to ratification."

Mr Peter Archer, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that the agreement was an abstract concept with could only exist in the minds of human beings. Would he consider publishing a list of the things which the agreement had led him and his department to do which otherwise they probably would not have done?

Mr King said he would certainly look at ways in which the Government could more effectively list the agreement's achievements. Many people saw the security aspect as the most important. He could list the improved performance, the seizure of arms, the apprehension of murderers and the recovery of explosives. It was quite clear that the IRA regarded the agreement as a serious threat.

● Mr King also said that he maintained regular contact with the leaders of the Social Democratic and Labour Party and the Alliance Party in the province, but not at present with the leaders of the Unionist parties, who had not felt able to have talks with him or his ministerial colleagues.

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) asked how he proposed to end the deadlock in co-operation and communication with the political leaders of the overwhelming majority of the Northern Ireland population.

Mr King said the absence of a sensible dialogue had not in the past year been to the advantage either of the Unionists or those for whom they would seek to speak. They now had the evidence before them that the Anglo-Irish agreement did not threaten their position.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C): Are members of the majority population in Northern Ireland aware how many friends and how much influence are being lost by their leaders' boycott of Parliament and ministers?

Mr King: There is a strange concept among some people in Northern Ireland of loyalty to the Queen but not extending that to Parliament or any government. People must understand that under our constitution this is the Parliament of the United Kingdom and it is our finest tradition that this is the place where ultimately grievances or concerns should be raised.

Thatcher resists law powers plea

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister resisted calls at question time from Mr Kinnock and Sir Peter Tapsell (East Lindsey, C), a stockbroker, for the Securities and Investments Board to be made a statutory body with powers to prosecute when there were abuses in mergers and takeovers.

Mrs Thatcher said that it was too soon to change the present system which had not been long in operation.

Mr Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, asked whether Mrs Thatcher's attention had been called to the view expressed by *The Financial Times* this morning that self-regulation could work only if the people supervised had a sense of obligation to the system which was greater than their desire to win their own way.

"In view of the disquiet, including in the City, about financial proceedings, will she take steps to make the SIB a statutory body with powers to prosecute for abuses in mergers and takeovers."

Mrs Thatcher: Not at present. Most people would accept that action has been taken very quickly indeed (Labour laughter) in setting up inspections under the Companies Act by Department of Trade and Industry inspectors. We must await the report.

It is far too early to go from voluntary self-regulation to a full statutory system. He will find that leading articles in overseas papers, particularly in the United States, indicate that speed of action under a voluntary system sometimes exceeds that under a statutory system.

Mr Kinnock: Are we to believe, then, that if the current evidence of gross abuse were to continue, we would have the introduction of a statutory system in a short time so that full force can be brought against those abusing their knowledge and office in the course of mergers and takeovers, or are we to believe that because statutory schemes are not introduced elsewhere, there are no circumstances in which she would want to see it introduced here?

Mrs Thatcher: He concludes too much. Insider trading was not even a criminal offence in Labour's time. Mr Kinnock is expecting something totally different of us and we have made insider trading a criminal offence. DTI inspections under the Companies Act are the responsibility of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, were implemented quickly and are now under way.

Mr Kinnock: These matters of mergers and takeovers have *generally multiplied tenfold in* value during her period of office and are of great importance to hundreds of thousands of people inside and outside the City.

She introduced deregulation and is having to clear up the mess left by abuses of the system. Will she make the SIB a statutory body to help that clear-up?

Mrs Thatcher: I have answered that. Insider trading is a criminal offence. On voluntary regulation, there are powers under statute for ministers to take over, should voluntary regulation not turn out to be right. It is much too soon.

Sir Peter Tapsell (East Lindsey, C): While it appears that a statutory body in the United States, the Securities and Exchange Commission, *did not* prevent the Boesky scandal, some of us have been increasingly feeling for some time that the increasing internationalization of the financial market with all the complexities that brings and the difficulty of national regulations, means we should increasingly look towards a statutory body (Labour cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: It is too soon to conclude that one should change the present system.

European programmes

TV proposal under attack

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Sir Curtis Keeble, a governor of the BBC, yesterday attacked an EEC plan for harmonizing European television programmes as setting "a dangerous precedent".

The BBC saw it as an attempt to gain a degree of control on what is broadcast that went well beyond anything imposed by the Government, he said.

The directive, which came after the EEC green paper *Television Without Frontiers*, sets out quotas requiring that within three years 60 per cent of programmes should originate from EEC countries and compelling broadcasters to hand over at least 10 per cent of their budget to independent producers.

That has been strongly opposed by the Home Office, the BBC and IBA. They argue that it would simply replace American soap operas, such as *Dallas*, with soft porn from Italy.

Instead they support a framework adopted by broadcasting ministers of 22 European countries last month which regulates the development of television transmissions across European frontiers without imposing a quota system.

Sir Curtis yesterday told a House of Lords committee investigating the directive that it was not well conceived as a means of stimulating European broadcasting.

In written evidence the BBC argued that a fundamental principle was at stake.

"Under the directive the BBC, for the first time in 63 years, would be ordered by statutory provision to allocate its resources according to externally imposed criteria."

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Alliance 'still main threat to Tories'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Leon Brittan, the former Cabinet minister, repeated yesterday his warning to his former colleagues that the most serious threat to the reelection of the Conservative Government was the risk of the Alliance's winning enough votes to let in the Labour Party, and that "Labour-bashing is plainly not enough".

He launched an attack on the Alliance defence policy at a dinner of Hazel Grove Conservatives last night, saying: "You have to deal with the Alliance threat and you cannot do so by ignoring it, pouring scorn on it or even *telling people that if the* Alliance get too many votes that will let Labour in. That is true, but it is not sufficient."

Mr Brittan accused the Liberals and SDP of putting political expediency before the defence needs of the nation. The Alliance defence policy, painfully patched together, may appear more reasonable than Labour's on the surface, but in reality it was just as irresponsible, Mr Brittan said.

The Alliance accepted that there was a Soviet threat and the need for a nuclear deterrent to counter it. But while it was irrevocably committed to cancel the Trident replacement for Polaris it could not say what would replace it. The Alliance was cancelling an available deterrent even though it recognized that one was necessary.

"Once the British people realize that that is what has happened, they will never *trust Alliance* politicians again", he said.

A reasonable Opposition would say that while it wanted a cheaper option it would not cancel Trident until it had found an alternative. But the Alliance had committed itself to cancel Trident come what may.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Local Government Finance Bill, progress with remaining stages.

Tuesday: Debate on Opposition motion "The divided nation — the failure of the Government's economic policy".

Wednesday: Local Government Finance Bill, completion of remaining stages.

Thursday: Debate on RAF.

Friday: Private members' Bills.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Reverter of Sites Bill, third reading; Consumer Protection Bill, committee.

Tuesday: Minors' Contracts, Recognition of Trusts Bill and Ministry of Defence Police Bill, third readings; Licensing (Restaurant Meals) Bill, report; Consumer Protection Bill, committee.

Wednesday: Debates on the effect of private enterprise on the NHS; dealing with CAP surpluses; future control of the British Sugar Corporation

Thursday: Broadcasting Bill and Criminal Justice Bill, committee. Debate on report by Prayer Book Society, *Theological Colleges and the Book of Common Prayer: A Survey.*

Russia 'in breach of agreements'

The *Soviet Union was in direct* breach of the Helsinki Accords on Human Rights, signed 11 years ago with 35 other European countries, because of its treatment of Mr Alexander Ogorodnikov, Mr Tim Eggar, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in a Commons adjournment debate on Wednesday night.

Mr Ogorodnikov should not have been arrested for organizing a Christian discussion group, he said, and should not have been considered a criminal because his opinions differed from those of the Soviet Government.

Once arrested, he should have been given a fair trial and allowed to *conduct a proper* defence, and following his imprisonment, in 1978, he should never have been subjected to the inhumane physical and mental treatment he had endured.

The Russian Government needed to be convinced of the deeply felt concern of the British people, through parliamentary debate, pressure groups, *organizations and individuals.* All had a vital role to play.

For maximum effect, there has to be quiet, behind the scenes persuasion, he said. There had to be some confidentiality, that was why the foreign office could not always give full details of exchanges with the Soviet Government on human rights issues.

The Government was disappointed at progress made since the signing of the Helsinki Accords, but there had been more encouraging signs. Recent developments showed the Soviet Government was prepared to respond to sustained Western pressure. "Our aim must be to persuade the Soviet Union Government to question its own attitudes, *to put itself under the* microscope", Mr Eggar said.

"We must try to bring the Soviet Union Government to understand that a country of such stature should not feel threatened by individuals who refused to conform and insisted on thinking for themselves."

The lessons of history showed such persecution did not succeed.

Call for resignation of chief constable reopens old wounds

By William Greaves

When Greater Manchester's beleaguered Police Authority meets today for its monthly meeting the question of an inquiry into the morale of the country's second largest force will not be on the agenda.

But every member will admit privately that the skeleton has popped out of the cupboard again.

Just when the John Stalker affair seemed to be giving way to a new determination to let the police get on with its job, another personality crisis has hit the headlines.

The personality is, of course, James Anderton, the Chief Constable, an outspoken man who is no stranger to criticism. But the latest public condemnation of him comes from a source that cannot be ignored — the editor of the Police Federation's own monthly magazine.

Mr Tony Judge attacks Mr Anderton as a self-publicist over his now famous "moral cesspit" speech on Aids, and drags up the Stalker affair and the "grisly pantomime" of the re-opened Moors search.

Mr Anthony McCardell, chairman of the Labour group within the police authority, said: "The Greater Manchester force has become hopelessly factionized behind Anderton and Stalker. Stalker is now about to retire and I believe it would be better for Mr Anderton to call it a day as well."

After a year in which the 6,769-strong force has been exposed to frequent stories of internal schism, and had to contend with a 13.3 per cent rise in the number of reported crimes and a 5 per cent drop in the rate of detection to just over one case in four, is police morale in Greater Manchester at rock bottom?

Mr McCardell has no doubt that it is although he admits the evidence is slim. "You can't blame officers not coming forward to us when their own superiors declare it to be a disciplinary offence to do so," he said, producing a letter from a Stockport policeman to prove his point.

The letter, unsigned, cites the case of a woman police officer who left Manchester to take up a £22,000-a-year job in the Bahrain force and is now returning to the city as a sergeant.

"The writer points out that there are hundreds of police constables in the force who have passed their sergeant's exam, who have been overtaken by a woman who went off for personal gain, and concludes 'no wonder morale is so low'."

Mr Terry Lewis, Labour MP for Worsley, has twice written to Mrs Margaret Thatcher demanding an inquiry into the force's troubles, referring to the Stalker affair as "a symptom and not the cause".

A senior officer with more than 10 years' experience in Manchester CID readily agreed that there is unhappiness but insisted the reasons were very different.

"There are three factors," he told me. "Lack of manpower - at the moment we are 2,000 men short; the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, which allows too many suspects to go free; and the new Crown Prosecution Service, which often acts as judge and jury in preventing lesser crimes getting into court at all.

"At the sharp end, the bobbies on the street are not bothered at all about reports of personality clashes at the top and believe Anderton to be on their side. But more senior men, from inspector upwards, do chat about it and think it would be better if Anderton learned to bite on his tongue."

Meanwhile, in his office at police headquarters, Mr Stalker maintains a diplomatic serenity — even if his words do contain a hint of explosions to come. "All I'm trying to do, and believe me it's not easy, is to fade quietly into the background" he says. "If the Police Authority were to ask me for my views I would probably give them."

Mrs Audrey Walsh, a magistrate and politically unaligned member of the Police Authority, believes that there is no morale crisis at all and that the departure, within the last two years, of all the force's top detectives is coincidental. "The rush started when there was a fear that the Government would tax pensions."

The Stalker affair may have attracted conjecture of mayhem in high places, but if the Manchester bobbie thinks of it at all, he does so with a smile.

A constable in the city centre summed it up yesterday: "One man in touch with God is enough. The rest of us are quite happy keeping humbler company."

Manchester's record

Greater Manchester Police compares with three other forces, West Midlands, West Yorkshire and Strathclyde. All serve a population between 2 million and 2.6 million.

The total recorded crimes in each force in 1985, with the percentage detected in brackets are: Greater Manchester 266,842 (32 per cent), West Midlands 231,606 (30 per cent), Strathclyde 250,063 (28.9 per cent) and West Yorkshire 159,725 (42 per cent).

The clear-up rate for Greater Manchester has fallen since 1980, but it started from a high level — 42.6 per cent — and reached a low point of 27 per cent in 1984. Other clear-up rates in 1980 were: West Midlands 32.5 per cent, Strathclyde 28.3 per cent, West Yorkshire 42.5 per cent.

The authorized strength of each force with the actual strength in brackets is: Greater Manchester 6,943 (6,769), West Midlands 6,684 (6,570), Strathclyde 6,954 (6,777), West Yorkshire 5,154 (5,154).

The artist Lief Bruylant enjoying the illusion she created on the wall of Georges Brasserie in Canterbury, a style of painting known as *trompe l'oeil*. The wine glass at the bottom of the mural adds to the authenticity of the deception (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Prince urges the NHS to do more for terminally ill

By Jill Sherman

The Prince of Wales has called for better services for the care of the terminally ill.

The National Health Service should give a priority to these services and build on the pioneering work already done by the hospice movement, he said.

The Prince, who was snowbound at Sandringham in Norfolk, sent a message to a conference held in London yesterday by the National Association of Health Authorities, at which he was to have spoken.

The message said: "I feel sure that the most effective service in the future will be provided by the NHS and the hospice movement working together and drawing on each other's strengths."

Health authorities could assist voluntary organizations by leasing land to them at a peppercorn rent, he said. They could also provide capital investment, fund the revenue costs of beds and home care through contractual arrangements, and provide administrative support.

Launching new guidelines drawn up by the Association of Health Authorities and the King's Fund College on services for the terminally ill, the Prince said: "For the person who is dying, one of the main aims should be to improve the quality of daily life. For relatives and friends, support needs to be given both before and after the death of the patient, and there needs to be a strong base of informed and well-supported staff."

After the message, which was read out by Anne, Duchess of Norfolk, who has been involved with hospice work, Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, announced that the Government would shortly be asking health authorities to reassess their services for the terminally ill.

Guidance from the DHSS would emphasize collaboration with the voluntary sector, he said. Voluntary organizations should be included in the planning of services, and where they formed an essential element in an overall district plan, the health authority would be expected to contribute to their costs. These could include both contractual and leasing arrangements, he said.

At present health authorities provide about 40 per cent of the funding for the 100 hospices throughout the country. The hospice movement claims, however, that this is sporadic and often depends on the policy of the authority.

"There are many good NHS hospices and some excellent charity run hospices in the independent sector," Professor Eric Wilkes, co-chairman of the organization Help the Hospices, said. "But we have a murky intermingling of local providers and state resources.

"Some wily authorities will put the hospices up front and require them to carry the burden without support. Others will put hospices down and claim that they can do better themselves. But they must not be allowed to mar the expansion and success of the hospice movement."

Professor Wilkes said that the hospice movement was still divided over whether it should care for Aids patients.

Dame Cicely Saunders, former president of Help the Hospices, has said that hospice accommodation is not always practical for Aids patients, many of whom need intensive medical care.

Care for the Dying (National Association of Health Authorities, Garth House, 47 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham; £3.99 to members, £4.99 non-members).

Yard in campaign against racism

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Police in London yesterday launched a campaign aimed at combating "widespread" racial bullying. Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said he acknowledged the need to achieve a better relationship between the police and the ethnic minorities, especially among the young.

He said progress could not be made against the common enemy "unless we trust one another".

The Scotland Yard campaign, which will be targeted initially on the London boroughs of Ealing and Newham, follows claims by critics that the police either turn a blind eye to racial violence or fail to press charges against racist attackers.

Police argue that racial attacks are either not reported or that victims fail to give evidence.

Pressure groups representing ethnic minorities say racial harassment and attacks, particularly against black and Asian people in areas like Ealing and Newham, are widespread. They also claim that few ethnic minority families have remained untouched.

Sir Kenneth said: "We need early and accurate intelligence of racial attacks. We need people, especially the victims, to be willing to testify." The campaign seeks to emphasize the need for co-operation with the police.

Scotland Yard says police training has been widened to ensure that all officers are aware of the seriousness of racial attacks.

Sir Kenneth said: "In the Metropolitan Police we have been working continuously to improve our understanding and professional capacity in regard to racial crime".

The campaign has been designed to achieve a more effective and regular working relationship between the public, police and social institutions.

"In no other way can we expect to contain and reduce the open and especially the violent expression of racial hostility", Sir Kenneth said.

"Little can be achieved without effective policing, but the police cannot be effective if they are acting on their own.

"We need not only the consent, but the active support of people, especially in the minorities' communities.

"This problem will not go away of its own accord — no evil ever does — but we can defeat it if we are sufficiently determined."

The campaign will run until the end of March and, if successful, may be repeated in other areas of the capital.

A 16-page campaign action guide and leaflets, printed in English and five Asian dialects, describes various kinds of harassment, advises victims on prevention.

Fight over riot gear for forces

By Craig Seton

The Labour-controlled Northumbria police authority is to continue its legal battle to challenge the right of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to make riot control equipment available to police forces.

At a private meeting the authority voted to appeal against a High Court ruling last month in which two judges said Mr Hurd did have a prerogative to make available plastic bullets and CS gas if chief constables requested them.

The authority launched its legal challenge after Mr Hurd made it plain that chief constables who were denied permission to buy plastic bullets by hostile police authorities could still be supplied from central stocks.

Northumbria police authority was backed by the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities in its High Court bid to challenge Mr Hurd.

The authority said yesterday: "The members have been told by leading counsel that there is sufficient basis for an appeal.

"This is, possibly, a constitutional issue. The way things stand at the moment police authorities are just not part of the equation. Their wishes can be circumvented and that is not a satisfactory state of affairs."

Science report

Cuts temper pollution gain

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A new method for monitoring sea pollution and the dispersal of waste substances dumped in the ocean has been developed by the Marine Biological Association, which is supported by the Natural Environment Research Council.

The technique, which involves tracing tiny amounts of an innocuous family of substances known as perfluorocarbons, is the type of discovery which British scientists will be less likely to make in the future, because of cuts in research spending, Mr Hugh Fish, chairman of the environment council, says.

A more sensitive monitoring system had become increasingly important with the growing use of the oceans for disposal of waste for which their are no suitable land sites. The application of the technique for tracking pollutants over a wide area and for long periods has been demonstrated off the United States coast.

The conventional method of observing the mixing of waste substances through the seas involves adding large amounts of fluorescent dyes, which are poisonous, unsightly and short-lived for measurement purposes.

The new method is described by Mr Fish as an example of fundamental research that has social and economic benefits. But in the introduction to the council's annual report, published yesterday, he warns of a decline in the transfer of science and technology for useful purposes if spending cuts continue in this type of innovative research.

The Natural Environment Research Council spends £60 million a year, or about 1.5 per cent of government spending on research and development.

For greater efficiency, Mr Fish reports that the council has closed some laboratories, reorganized others, cut 190 staff, reduced overheads, and introduced a five-year corporate plan to streamline its activities.

Under the revised system, science covered by the environment council is being arranged into three areas: Earth, Terrestrial and Freshwater, and Marine.

Under this transformation Mr Fish hopes to increase the amount of commissioned research for government departments, commerce and industry.

Among new studies is an investigation into the consequences for the environment of changes in British agriculture. It is the focus of work by a special group formed in collaboration with the Agriculture and Food Research Council and the Economic and Social Research Council.

Greater emphasis is placed on support for research into genetically engineered organisms for use in agriculture, forestry and breaking down wastes.

One research team is also devising a way of predicting the ecological consequences of accidental or deliberate release of genetically manipulated organisms.

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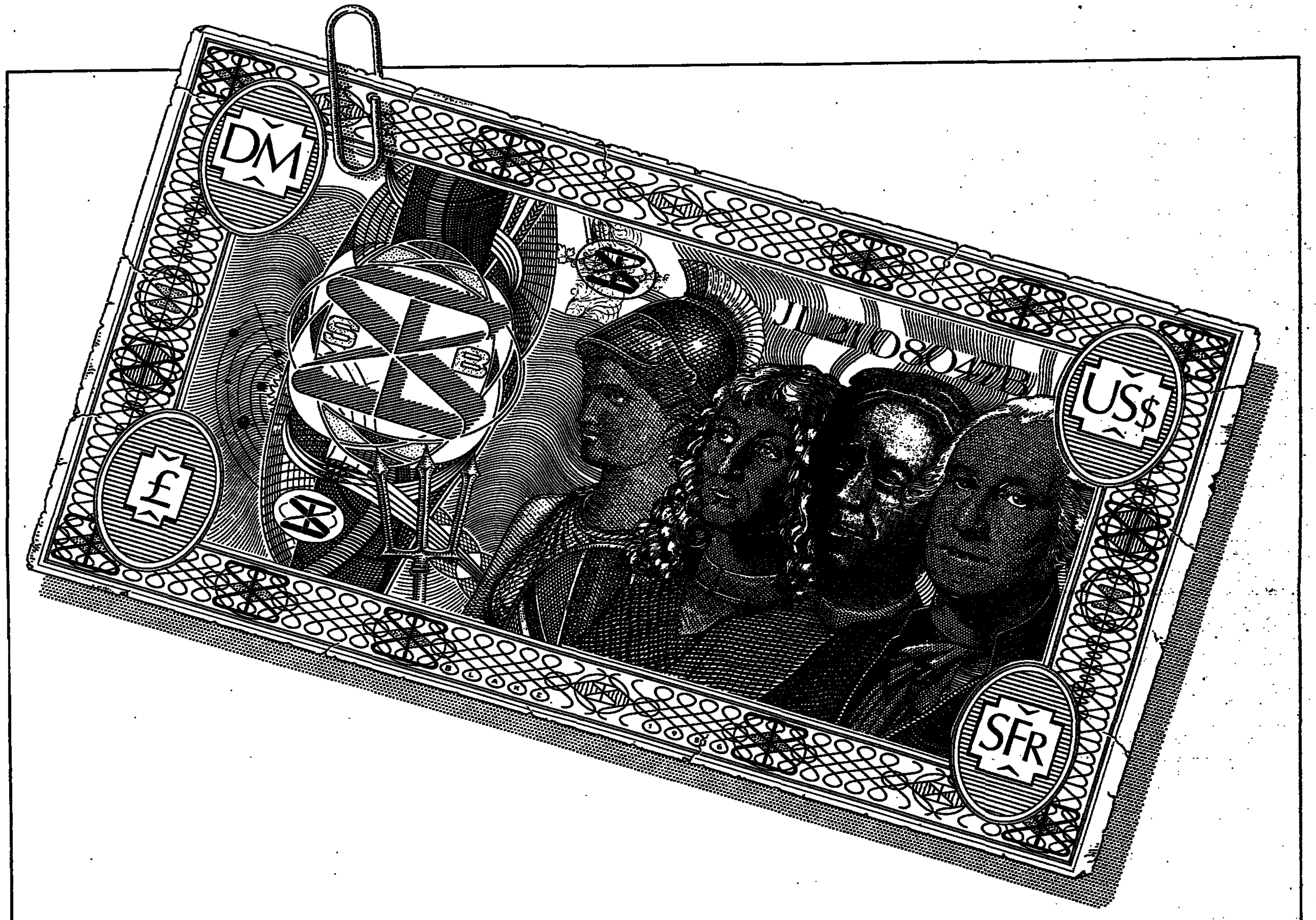

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WORLD SUMMARY

Threat to disrupt film about Biko

Johannesburg (Reuter) – A South African anti-apartheid group said yesterday that it would drive a film by Sir Richard Attenborough off world cinema screens if it gave a distorted view of the black consciousness leader, Steve Biko.

The Azanian People's Organization (Azapo) said the film centred on the newspaper editor, Mr Donald Woods, who knew him, and contained inaccuracies about the charismatic black leader who died in police custody in 1977.

"The movie is intended to generate a lot of money and to portray the warped perspective of a white liberal making a statement against apartheid," an Azapo spokesman, Mr Muntu Myeza, said.

● Deportation lifted: Pretoria has withdrawn a deportation order against the correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*, Mr Micahel Parks, who will be allowed to work in South Africa for another three months (George Brock writes).

Chissano in Harare

Harare – President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique made his first visit as head of state to Zimbabwe yesterday, for talks with Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister (Jan Raath writes). Mozambique's worsening military conflict was the main priority.

Sources here said that Mr Chissano had sought the meeting, which follows evidence of the growing grip of the rebel Mozambique National Resistance over his country.

Trident tested

Washington – The US Trident 2 nuclear missile, designed to improve the strategic deterrence of US and British submarines, was tested yesterday (Mohsin Ali writes).

A Pentagon official said the missile, fired from a ground launch pad at Cape Canaveral, was a success, landing in the impact area on the Atlantic missile test range.

The 45 ft missile will be deployed on board Trident submarines by late 1989.

Rock border checks

***Madrid* – Spanish officials denied yesterday that stricter checks on the frontier with Gibraltar had anything to do with the talks in London between Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign Minister, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, which ended without any progress on the sovereignty dispute (Richard Wigg writes).**

A long queue built up early yesterday at the frontier point as Spanish police made lengthy checks on all cars leaving Spain. Many belonged to commuters going to work on the Rock. Those on foot passed through without any hold-ups.

More rigorous controls, justified in Madrid as a purely police matter, started before the high level meeting.

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Allowed to burn

Ottawa – A raging fire burned out of control at the Soviet consulate in Montreal on Wednesday, while armed guards prevented firemen from entering and employees hurriedly burned documents inside (John Best writes).

Only after firefighters scaled ladders and began pouring water into the building from outside did Soviet authorities relent and allow firemen to enter.

Bomber executed

Tehran (Reuter) – A man convicted of spying for Iraq and planting a bomb at a prayer meeting has been executed in Sanandaj.

Mohammad Saleh Ali-Panaah had also been charged with co-operating with counter-revolutionary groups.

A bomb hidden in a prayer mat exploded at a mass prayer meeting on Tehran University's campus in March 1985.

Karachi toll rises

***Karachi* – At least three people were killed and many others injured yesterday in clashes with police in various parts of the city on the third successive day of rioting in Karachi. The death toll since the start of the latest round of violence is now eight (A Correspondent writes).**

A curfew was imposed in Liaquatabad, in the east of the city, where a mob attacked a police station, and in the western district of Quaidabad.

Vadim must pay

Paris – Roger Vadim, right, the film director, was ordered by a court yesterday to pay 60,000 francs (£6,224) to two former wives, Brigitte Bardot and Catherine Deneuve, for an "attack on their private lives" in his book *D'une Etoile à l'Autre*.

Sunni leader tells Waite Lebanon is a captive

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Beirut

The Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Mr Terry Waite, who is reporting "very good progress" in his latest attempt to obtain the release of foreign hostages, was politely reminded yesterday that Lebanon itself was a captive no one was willing to help.

He was given the message during his first meeting with Sheikh Hassan Khaled, the Grand Mufti of the country and the religious leader of Lebanon's Sunni Muslim community.

"The Western world is trying to win the freedom of 10 or 20 people, but why did it not think of what Israel had done when it invaded Lebanon in 1982 and destroyed its economy and its civilization. . . ?

"Lebanon as a whole is a hostage and no one in the world is doing anything for its release," Sheikh Khaled said.

His words carried the same sense of forsakenness that Mr Waite has been finding among Lebanese leaders who feel that the West has remained blind to the ordeal of a small nation trapped in a war against itself and against Israel.

Mr Terry Waite, escorted by Druze gunmen, returning to his west Beirut hotel yesterday after meeting Lebanese officials.

Mr Waite must have realized by now that his mission is rapidly shifting towards a broader field. The community leaders to whom he is appealing for help constantly bring up the devastating effects of the Israeli invasion, the continued occupation of southern Lebanon and the question of the Lebanese held in Israeli prisons. "I think that the plight of the people of Lebanon needs to be brought to international attention and needs to be seen in a fair and balanced way; and I am willing to do what I can to help relieve the real suffering of the people," Mr Waite said. Evidently he has no intention of revealing what other things – besides the release of hostages – he thinks must be done to bring peace to Lebanon, which he defines as the main objective of his mission.

But he insists that the fact that Lebanon "in some ways is held hostage is a fact that we have to take seriously."

Mr Waite answered vaguely when asked whether he was also seeking the release of an Israeli Air Force navigator captured by Lebanese militiamen after his aircraft was shot down near Sidon on October 16.

"I have been approached by different nations who have people who have been held. Israel is one. My concern will be for all people (being held) regardless of their faith, regardless of their nationality. My main concern at the moment is for those who are unjustly detained and for the best welfare and peace for the people in this country."

Mr. Waite said he felt very encouraged. He was working "towards good results, yes."

UN peace force pleads for more weapons to fend off attackers

From Ian Murray
Barachit, south Lebanon

The United Nations peacekeeping force in south Lebanon needs more heavy and more modern weapons to defend itself in the face of growing number of "indiscriminate and sometimes deliberate" attacks by the Israeli-backed militia in the area, according to Major-General Gustav Hägglund, the Finnish commander of the Unifil force.

Here, where an Irish soldier died on Saturday as he unpacked after his Christmas leave at home with his wife and five children, it is easy to understand why.

Three tank shells exploded in his first-floor room. Fired at night from "Charlie Compound" on a hilltop threequarters of a mile away, they made a hole nearly 12 ft wide in the wall of the UN post in the centre of this war-weary village.

There is no doubt in the minds of the Irish Battalion serving with the UN that the precise aim on the well-lit building was deliberate, although in its preliminary report yesterday Israel said that the post was "identified as a terrorist position and was mistakenly fired upon". The officer who gave the order was "immediately removed from his post".

But inside the UN there is a real feeling that the shells were fired as part of a deliberate attempt to force the Irish to withdraw and to persuade the UN to refuse to renew Unifil's mandate, which must be done by Monday.

The Irish have evacuated the position since the shelling, and now hundreds of villagers have left as well.

The hill the villagers are frightened of is one of the best-protected positions of the Israeli-run "South Lebanon Army" (SLA) in the area, but at the beginning of this month it was overrun by Shia Muslim militiamen who killed six of the 12 defenders. Since then, the UN says, the Israeli Army has taken over its defence – *and the Irish soldier has died.*

Since then, too, the SLA has moved its checkpoint guarding the road from the hill some 400 yards to the north, stretching the area of the so-called "security zone" and forcing the UN to move a new checkpoint close to it.

UN checkpoints are ignored by Israeli troops and by the SLA. "They just drive round them in the cornfields," Commandant Harry Smith explained.

The checkpoints are there to stop the movement of weapons back and forth along the roads. But they cannot stop those brought in secretly through the difficult countryside, and weapons are smuggled in all the time. "The whole area is one big ammo dump," according to Commandant Smith.

His Charlie Company patrols this area and has lost two men since December 6. Its members have monitored what they euphemistically call "firings close", incidents in which mortars, tank shells, heavy machine-guns or bullets hit within 20 yards of a known UN position.

These have increased fourfold over the past six weeks.

Since the hill was overrun the Irish have noticed that the SLA men deployed in their area are no longer Christians but Muslims.

The right to fire back is now under review. The Irish boast that they have not so far been provoked into firing back, despite the pressures. But they are also painfully aware that they are outgunned and outnumbered if they should get involved in a real battle.

It is this problem to which General Hägglund is seeking an urgent decision. "Now we are between two fires and we have a big disadvantage. We are supposed to disarm one part – the national resistance movement – whereas we are not allowed to disarm the other side," he said yesterday.

"We need better weapons for more accurate direct firing to respond immediately – heavy machine-guns and missiles."

US blacks' past gains eroded by government policies, report says

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A devastating picture of the position of blacks in the United States is presented in the National Urban League's annual report on "The State of Black America".

Mr John Jacob, the organization's president, said in releasing the report: "Black Americans enter 1987 besieged by the resurgence of raw racism, persistent economic depression and the continued erosion of past gains."

He added that the report showed that blacks were making no progress in catching up with other Americans economically, and were losing ground in civil rights, in large measure because of Reagan Administration policies. He said blacks were suffering severely from President Reagan's cuts in federal programmes for the poor. "We can't talk about an economic recovery when black unemployment is at 15 per cent."

The report comprises many studies by leading scholars. An article on the economic status of blacks says that, despite modest improvements in the economic position of blacks in 1985-86, following sharp economic decline in the early years of the Reagan Administration, "the deep recession that has gripped the black community throughout the Reagan era has continued".

In a section on civil rights, Mr Julius Chambers, a senior official of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, said the Reagan Administration had mounted "vigorous efforts in a number of areas to halt civil rights progress and to reverse past gains," and "to create a legal climate that encourages lack of enforcement of civil rights".

The report notes that per capita black income rose to $6,840 (£4,560) in 1985, the highest ever after accounting for inflation. White income, however, stood at $11,671.

Free pass for Reagan gunman

Washington (AP) – John Hinckley Jr, the man who shot President Reagan and three others in 1981, was given a 12-hour pass last month to leave the Washington mental hospital where he has been held since 1982.

Mr Richard Adams, a spokesman for the US Secret Service, which is charged with protecting the president and other officials, said yesterday that it had objected to the pass, but could not prevail on hospital officials to revoke it.

Hinckley was given the pass on December 28 to meet members of his family, officials said.

Mr Adams said: "This was a decision made by the hospital. It was a medical decision they made over our objections." The agency had been told about it a week in advance.

Mr Reagan was on holiday in California at the time, but Mr Adams said: "Our evaluation of Mr Hinckley hasn't changed. We still feel him to be a threat to our protectees."

He said that Hinckley, escorted by hospital staff, spent the 12 hours at a Virginia facility of the Prison Fellowship Ministries.

The spokesman declined to say how Hinckley was monitored, but said: "We were aware of his release and we were aware of all his movements."

Christie's man admits he lied about paintings

New York (Reuter) – The former president of Christie's auction house has testified in court that he lied to reporters when he said three Impressionist paintings were sold at a sale, when in fact only one had been bought.

Mr David Bathurst also told the court that at the auction of eight Impressionist works in May 1981, six received no bids.

Mr Bathurst, who resigned last year after Christie's was fined $80,000 (£55,000) by the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, was giving testimony in a suit against the auction house.

The suit in Manhattan Supreme Court, brought by Cristallina SA, a Panamanian-registered investment firm that owned the eight paintings, accuses Christie's of breach of contract.

The only painting that was sold, a Degas, fetched $2.2 million. The auction house had estimated that the eight, by Van Gogh, Degas, Cézanne and Renoir, would fetch up to $12.6 million.

Mr Milton Gould, for Cristallina, said the key argument in his client's case is that Christie's over-estimated

Mounting Republican pressure over Iran arms

Reagan resists calls to apologize

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The White House, reacting to reports that senior Republicans are urging President Reagan to apologize to the American people for the Iran affair, said yesterday he felt he had done nothing for which he must climb down.

Mr Albert Brasher, the deputy press secretary, said: "The President has said mistakes were made, but certainly feels no apology is necessary."

This followed calls, prominently published in *The New York Times* yesterday, by senior Republican congressman for Mr Reagan to accept full responsibility for his Administration's mistakes, publicly apologize and appeal to the people to forgive him.

Congressman Henry Hyde of Illinois said he had suggested to Mr David Abshire, the new special White House counsel on Iran, that Mr Reagan use his State of Union message on January 27 to make such a statement.

Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, a firm supporter of the President, said he had also urged the same action on the White House. He believed Mr Reagan had acted properly in selling a small number of arms to Iran, but said his statements on the issue had been seriously inadequate.

"It would be better if the President would say 'the buck stops at my desk; if I didn't know, I should have known'."

Senator Warren Rudman, another Republican, said that in travelling through his state of New Hampshire, he had found that many people were ready to forgive Mr Reagan as long as he told the truth.

A further bizarre revalation about the intrigues of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed military aide at the National Security Council, surfaced in *The Washington Post* yesterday.

It said he wrote a long-term plan in January last year for getting rid of Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran after exchanging US weapons for the release of the hostages.

His plan, found in his files and dated a week after Mr Reagan's authorization of arms shipments, aimed at the establishment of a "moderate government in Iran".

It outlined a series of steps to achieve this, beginning with the arms trading and followed by the involvement of the Pope and other religious leaders, which would apparently lead to the departure of the Ayatollah.

Among the many charges being made over the Iran affair, *The New York Times* reported that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) deliberately fed wrong and misleading intelligence information to Iran and Iraq to prolong the Gulf war.

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50	54	2,061	1,094	371	3,526	2,041
55	59	2,034	1,080	366	3,480	1,912
60	64	2,012	1,068	362	3,442	1,671
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45	49	5,388	2,861	970	9,219	5,288
50	54	5,319	2,824	957	9,100	5,209
55	59	5,250	2,788	945	8,983	4,935
60	64	5,198	2,760	936	8,894	4,315
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Mitterrand unveils his dream of return to Europe's lost freedoms

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

President Mitterrand yesterday called for a return to the Europe of the eighteenth century, but with the freedoms of that era shared not just by the nobility but by all Europeans, including those in the east

Freedom to study at universities anywhere in Europe and to travel without restriction would recall the past, he said, while integrated transport and communications systems and a vast outpouring of Europe-wide television programmes would point to the unity of the future.

Speaking shortly before the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome, he put forward a grand design for political and economic construction, building on the vision of the EEC's original architects.

His two-hour speech in London, at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, went beyond customary French lip-service to Europeanism. He looked beyond the borders of the 12 and concluded that Europe would not be truly "Europe" until it included the nations of the East.

He also revived the perennial French theme that Western Europe's defence interests are not fully compatible with those of the United States.

A hint of anti-Americanism, though distinctly un-Gaullist in its mild expression, crept into his views of the Reykjavik summit between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader. He said he had told Mr Reagan that in future other countries must be more fully consulted.

On the other hand, France would not have been prepared to participate in Reykjavik, nor would it be appropriate for Western Europe as a whole to take part in superpower arms negotiations.

He served warning of the dangers of being too dependent on American weapons systems, or entering into arms control agreements which would require super-power blessing for any future upgrading of missiles.

Without rejecting or approving the arms control package nearly agreed at Reykjavik, he selected the parts favoured by France. They proved similar to those that Mrs Thatcher favoured at her Camp David meeting with President Reagan.

"The 50 per cent cut (in strategic weapons) that was talked about seems very suitable and feasible and I hope this will come about," he said.

He side-stepped an invitation to comment on the Labour Party's *unilateralist* defence policy by saying that France would not abandon nuclear weapons because they offered the only available form of dissuasion.

In the long-term, President Mitterrand wanted to see the establishment of a European defence union, but was careful not to put a timetable on it. "Common defence is a *sine qua non* condition for the final success of Europe, but it is not a prior condition. At the moment a defence community is desirable but it is still optional."

Turning to the common agricultural policy, he said that in its efforts to stop "these abusive surpluses" and to solve the EEC budget crisis, Europe should not destroy traditional agriculture. He called for "a sort of think tank" for European discussion of the issue.

He concluded with a warning that the grand vision would not become reality without help. "None of this will be done unless there is political will. Either we want to go ahead or we don't. We are allies and friends, we have begun to become associates. We are not a confederation, and we are far from being a federation."

Rescuers struggling in vain to keep the head of Mr Noel Breault above water after his three-wheel vehicle broke through as he rode with his daughter, Amy, aged 3 on the thin ice of the St Croix River at Stillwater, Minnesota. Mr Breault saved Amy by throwing her on to the ice, but died of exposure.

EEC donates £1.85 million for freeze victims

By Our Foreign Staff

The Commission of the European Economic Community is donating 2.5 million ECUs (about £1.85 million) to help those suffering in the present cold wave.

The funds will be made available to voluntary organizations for emergency help for the elderly and homeless.

The Commission will also recommend to next Monday's meeting of Agriculture Ministers that some of the EEC's food mountain be distributed free.

The Socialist group in the European Parliament has requested that all public utility companies in the Community should refrain from cutting off supplies of electricity or gas in the case of unpaid bills. More than 250 people in the Community have died in the cold weather so far.

West German troops prepared yesterday to dynamite thick ice threatening to burst dykes protecting the homes of 15,000 people along the River Elbe.

Snow ploughs were out again across northern Europe as communities struggled to cope with a fourth day of some of the fiercest winter conditions for two decades.

Many new fatalities were blamed on the weather, including those of old people and motorists who froze to death.

Swedish and Finnish icebreakers were fighting yesterday to free 10 ships, immobilized by pack ice in the Baltic Sea off the Aland Islands.

Swedish industry is suffering up to three days' delay in fulfilling seaborne export orders, particularly of wood, pulp and paper products.

An ice hockey match had to be called off on Wednesday in Sweden because the ice rink melted.

In Spain Police rescued about 400 persons from snowbound cars and trucks on a motorway south of Bilbao yesterday as about 600 northern Spanish towns and villages remained cut off by snow.

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Drive to cut out middlemen

Japanese shop by satellite in US

From David Watts, Tokyo

In a unique attempt to leapfrog Japan's labyrinthine *distribution system*, American goods went on sale over a television satellite link-up for the first time yesterday morning.

Within hours of the first handbags, flight jackets and other consumer goodies going on sale from New York, the Japanese had bought about $500,000 (£330,000) worth of them just by sitting in front of their television sets. Their orders, telephoned into the offices of the Fuji television network, will be sent by express mail direct from the United States.

The goods, on show at New York's Pier 17 warehouse-cum-shopping plaza, were introduced by Japanese celebrities. The show's backers hope to get about £1.3 million in orders by the end of the week.

The goods sold yesterday and today are not going to make a significant dent in Japan's huge trade surplus with the rest of the world. But they will reinforce the growing awareness among Japanese consumers that the country's distribution system and the predilection of middlemen for inflating the prices of imports do not give the consumer or the *foreign exporter* a square deal.

Goods often pass through the hands of two or three middlemen before they reach the consumer. Prices of English imports run at anything up to three times their cost in Britain.

Most *British imports* are looked on as luxuries, which gives middlemen an excuse to raise prices even further since they are often given as presents. In Japan, the more expensive the gift, the higher the donor's regard for the recipient.

Despite the rapid rise of the yen in the past 14 months, particularly against the dollar, prices of imported goods have fallen only marginally, and some have risen. Many consumers realize this, but there is no widespread network of consumer watchdogs or activists *to campaign for more* reasonable pricing. Japanese consumers take what they are given and do not generally complain in public.

If the series of US sales proves successful it may be extended to other countries.

East bloc unveils its computer

From Richard Bassett
Vienna

Enter Ondra, the "ideologically pure" communist personal computer. Unveiled at the Prague Exhibition of Electronics, it is made entirely of components from Warsaw Pact countries.

In the words of its Czech creator, Mr Eduard Smutny, it shows that in the East "we too have clever engineers and workers who are capable of making the same computers as those in the West".

Czechoslovakia is committed to computerizing its economy. The Government envisages every secondary school possessing 20 microcomputers within eight years.

But attempts to mass-produce Ondra have revealed problems. Though manufactured in eastern Europe, the components are still relatively expensive compared with most Czechoslovak electronics, and there is little incentive to produce the computer by firms which can pay workers more to make the more labour-intensive toasters.

To produce any more than 5,000 units a year would mean discontinuing other lines, according to the management of the Tesla Liberec electrical works.

While this attitude prevails, imports of Western computers will continue, much to the chagrin of Mr Smutny, who gave a warning in a recent Radio Prague broadcast that Western technology is also "Western ideology".

He said that children will laugh at Eastern technology if they do not have access to more Ondras, "laugh when they see our tape recorders cannot be linked to a computer".

He said: "We must look at it from a political point of view, because in 10 years' time it will be too late to change our children. By then, they will want to change us."

Marine's lover 'was KGB spy'

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The State Department has begun a counter-intelligence investigation into possible damage caused by a Marine guard allegedly seduced by a Soviet woman employee at the US Embassy in Moscow.

Marine Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, aged 25, has been in prison at the Marine base at Quantico, Virginia, since December 31. He was arrested in Vienna, his posting after his tour of duty in Moscow.

Sgt Lonetree: Reports say he gave away embassy secrets.

According to unconfirmed reports, Sergeant Lonetree's lover worked at the Moscow embassy when he served there between September 1984 and March 1986.

One report claims that US intelligence officials suspected that the pair collaborated in a scheme to allow KGB spies to enter the embassy, where they had access to most secret US intelligence, diplomatic data and communications about the Soviet Union.

ABC News has reported that he gave the KGB the names of Soviet citizens on the CIA payroll and passed information about the embassy and spying safeguards.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, told *The Washington Times* that it would be particularly shocking if the allegations were found to be true.

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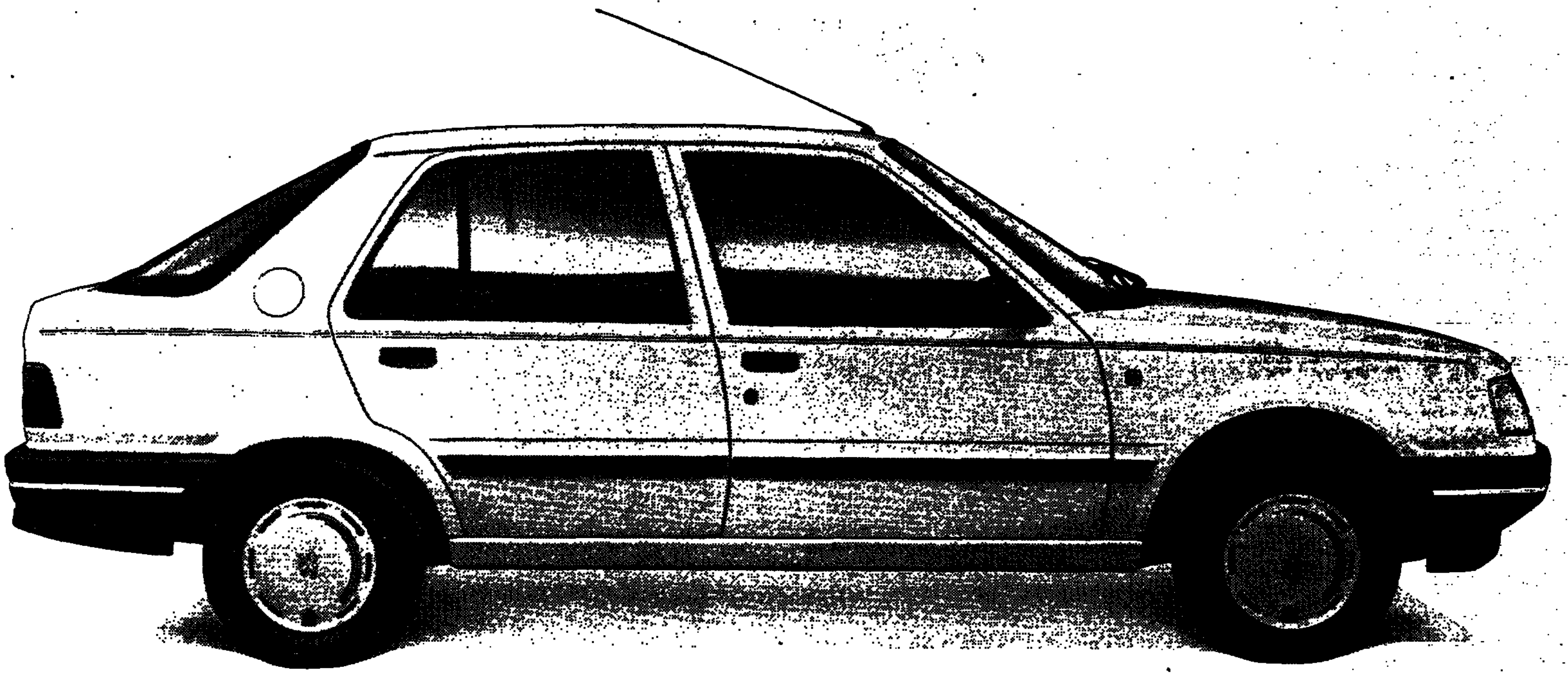

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Strikes against austerity policy cripple many Greek services

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greek workers staged a nationwide strike yesterday in protest against the austerity policies of the Socialist Government, which have led to a virtual pay freeze at a time when inflation is raging at six times the EEC average.

The strike, supported by up to two million people, disrupted land, sea and air transport, brought industry and commerce to a standstill, closed banks, schools and theatres, paralysed government services and left hospitals and other utilities with skeleton staffs. Some shops remained open.

It was the first significant confrontation between the Government of Mr Andreas Papandreou and the unions since the defeat suffered by the ruling Socialists in October's local elections, largely because of popular discontent over rising prices and shrinking incomes.

Even the government-controlled General Confederation of Workers felt compelled to sponsor the strike as its support of government policies has eroded its credibility.

The biggest challenge came from unions controlled by the Communists and dissident Socialists, who staged a separate rally outside Parliament to demand an end to the ban on pay increases and a return to full wage indexation.

The Government is taking *all this with a degree of* fatalism, on the ground that there is no reasonable alternative to its stringent policies

Government officials argue that the stabilization programme *initiated 15 months* ago has already borne fruit. Inflation in 1986 was brought down to 16.9 per cent, less than one percentage point above the target, while the *deficit on the current account* was maintained at $1.8 billion (£1.21 billion), quite close to the promised level.

Government critics, however, point out that the inflation rate fell less because of government policy than as a result of the price freeze imposed in the last two months of 1986 after a bout of panic buying; while the dramatic decline in the external trade deficit from $3.3 billion to $1.8 billion was due to a $1.1 billion saving from falling oil prices and a lavish inflow of EEC funds.

The Government believes that all this agitation will blow over in the face the the country's implacable economic reality. The extreme left, however, keen to demonstrate to the ruling Socialists that they cannot do without its goodwill, sees the strike as the first in a sustained spate of labour skirmishes against the beleaguered Government.

Austria's coalition shares out jobs

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Austria's 45th Cabinet was ready to be sworn in yesterday after almost two months of negotiations between the Socialists and the conservative Austrian People's Party.

Although the Socialists won a relative majority in the November election, their leader, Dr Franz Vranitzky, soon made known that he favoured a "grand" coalition with the chief opposition party, led by Herr Alois Mock.

Cabinet posts announced yesterday were divided equally between the two parties.

Herr Mock becomes Foreign Minister as well as Vice-Chancellor. Though not so widely respected as the outgoing Foreign Minister, Herr Peter Jankowitsch, he will enjoy the advantage denied to his Socialist predecessor of representing the same party as the controversial President, Dr Kurt Waldheim.

Herr Mock has always made it clear that his party favours closer links with the European Economic Community. At present, because of its neutral status, EEC membership is out of the question, but Herr Mock is expected to pursue a *Westpolitik* to strengthen ties with Brussels.

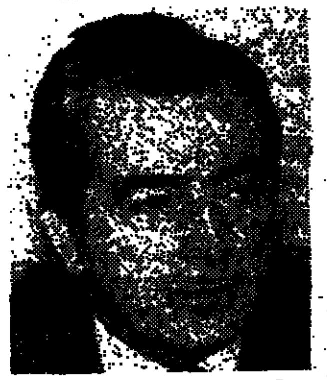
The appointment of another People's Party politician, Herr Robert Lichal, to the sensitive post of Defence Minister may result in the country's increasing its pitifully low expenditure on defence.

But this will result in conflict with the ministries of social affairs and finance, both of which remain firmly in the hands of the Socialists.

Although Dr Vranitzky, a former banker, is committed to reducing public expenditure, there will be considerable resistance from many Socialists to any attempt to cut pensions and subsidies.

Both Herr Jörg Haider, leader of the right-wing Freedom Party, and Frau Freda Meissner Blau, of the Greens, whose small parties now form the opposition, yesterday criticized the coalition.

Principal Cabinet posts announced yesterday are: Socialists: **Chancellor** Dr Franz Vranitzky, **Finance** Ferdinand Lacina, **Social Affairs** Alfred Dallinger, **Interior** Karl Blecha, **State Industry** Rudolf Streicher. Austrian People's Party: **Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister** Alois Mock, **Defence** Robert Lichal, **Agriculture** Josef Riegler, **Science** Heinrich Neisser, **Trade** Robert Graf.



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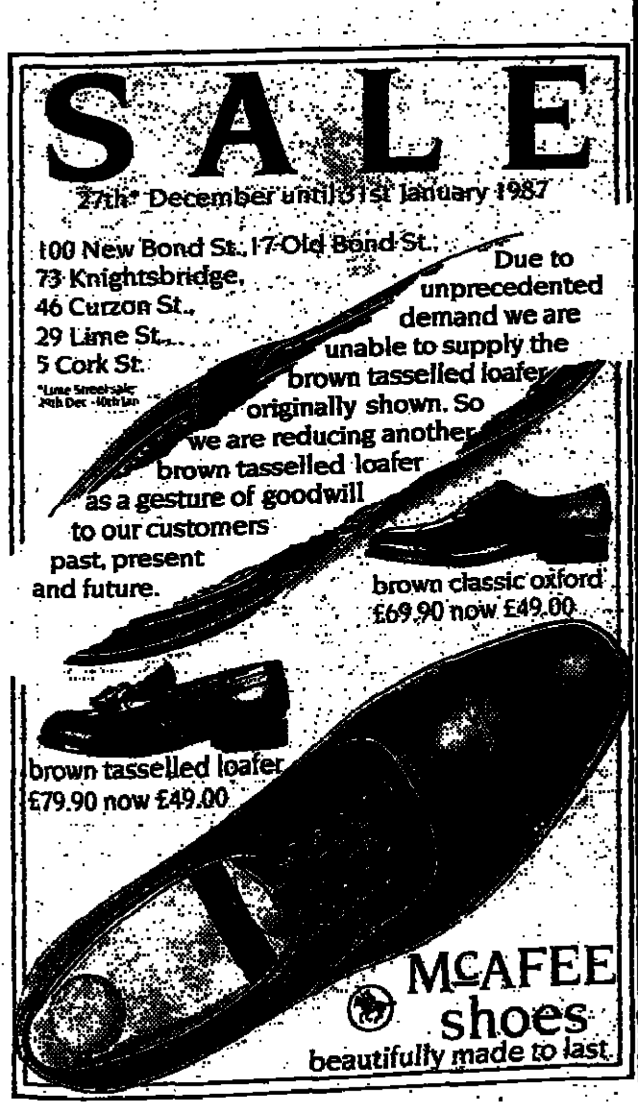

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Challenge to Kohl gathers pace ahead of election

SPD's Rau dismisses gloomy forecasts

**From John England
Augsburg**

If studied optimism and hard work alone could win the West German federal elections on January 25, Herr Johannes Rau, the Social Democratic Party (SPD) candidate for the chancellorship, could well take charge in Bonn.

The opinion polls persist in telling him that he has not a ghost of a chance of toppling Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his centre-right coalition. The latest poll gives Herr Kohl's team about 54 per cent of the vote, and the SPD 37 per cent.

Herr Rau, however, says he refuses to take the gloomy forecasts seriously. He is stumping the country in a special train, on a punishing whistle-stop crusade to tell SPD supporters: "We can still win. The race is not over."

By the end of next week, he will have made five train tours from the far north to the deep south, covering a total of more than 9,000 miles, and speaking at about 80 rallies since the New Year *alone. His voice is* already hoarse, his doctor has told him to take a rest from making speeches and smoking 60 cigarettes a day, but neither is on until after the elections.

Herr Rau, right, the SPD candidate, is presented with flowers and a ladder by chimney sweeps during a stop at Göppingen.

Herr Rau has spent two days this week taking the fight into Baden-Württemberg, a state firmly in the hands of Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), and the Bavarian fiefdom of Herr Franz Josef Strauss and his Christian Social Union.

The SPD suffered a severe beating in the Bavarian state election last October, turning in its worst performance there since the Second World War. But Herr Rau told a party rally in Munich: "That's no reason to be discouraged. It's a spur to greater efforts."

A state election in Hamburg in November was also a disaster for the SPD, but Herr Rau insists that he is not impressed by the prophets of doom in the federal contest.

Speaking to a small group of British and American correspondents among almost 30 journalists travelling with him on his current tour, he said: "Look, there have been 17 state and local elections in West Germany since Kohl took over as Chancellor in 1982. The SPD lost only three of them, but the opinion polls lost every one.

"I really believe that a majority for the SPD is still possible. Also, if the opinion polls are reasonably accurate this time, then about 10 per cent of the voters are still undecided about their choice of party. I'm fighting for every one of those votes."

Herr Rau hammers home this message to his whistle-stop audiences in a fatherly, folksy style in less than 30 minutes. The speech varies little from town to town. "The election won't be *decided* by the opinion polls or the press, but by responsible voters," he says to standard applause.

"Go out and talk to other people and tell them what we have to offer. A word-of-mouth campaign is better than all the posters in the world."

Herr Rau, practising what he preaches, told about 700 people in a concert hall in Neckarsulm — a CDU-ruled town with a population of 22,000 — north of Stuttgart, that the SPD was about social justice, a better environment, disarmament and world peace.

If he were Chancellor, he *promised, tax reforms would* be fairer to the "little people"; the country's brains, energy and money would be put to ridding it of pollution; and, while there was a need for defence forces, he would work to help stop the missile race.

Bonn's participation in President Reagan's Star Wars research programme is another of his targets. "The best thing about Herr Kohl's agreement with the Americans is the *final* clause, *which says it* can be cancelled," he jokes. It never fails to earn him loud applause from the SPD faithful.

Herr Rau also does well when he speaks of his wish to follow in the footsteps of Herr Willy Brandt and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former SPD chancellors, in *Ostpolitik* and world councils, respectively.

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This leads him to a tilt at Chancellor Kohl for his recent attacks on the East German way of government, especially its "concentration camps" for political prisoners.

But Herr Rau, a lay preacher, does not savage his opponent. He leaves the rough *stuff to other SPD men.* "I want a fair election campaign," he says, "and so far this one has been relatively well behaved."

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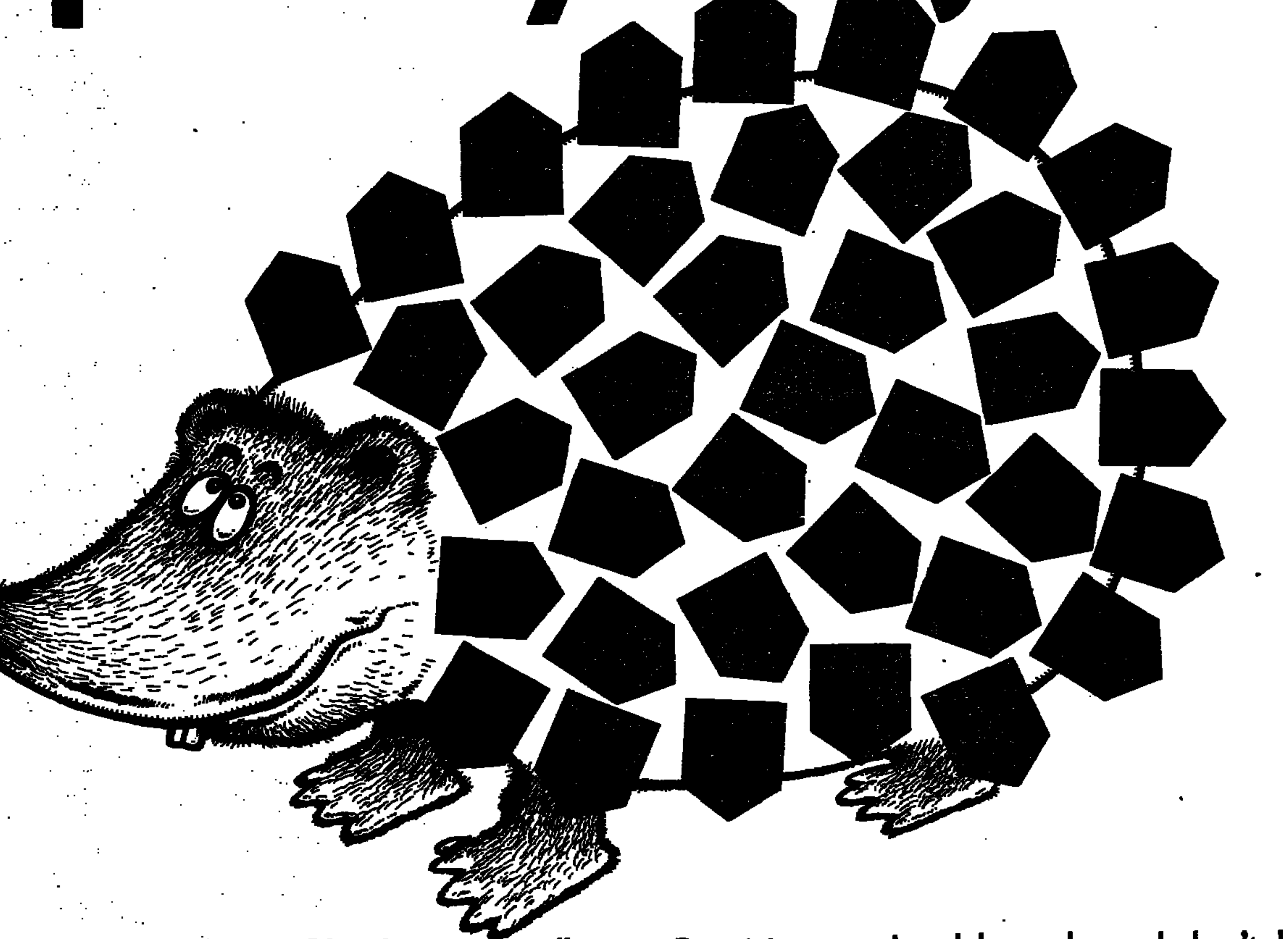

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CIA spy jailed for 30 years

Nicaraguan tribunal makes example of leading businessman

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

A special revolutionary court in Nicaragua has sentenced a prominent political opponent of the Government to 30 years in prison for spying for the United States.

Guillermo Quant Tay, an outspoken member of private business organizations opposed to the Sandinista regime, admitted having been recruited as a Central Intelligence Agency agent by officials of the United States Embassy in Managua in 1983.

The Nicaraguan prosecutor said that he had been trained in espionage techniques in Miami, and had passed on information about the location of military fuel dumps and the delivery points of Soviet arms, as well as political and economic intelligence.

A special non-jury court, known as an Anti-Somocista People's Tribunal, on Wednesday found Quant guilty of treason, and gave him the maximum prison term permitted under Nicaraguan law.

The court, which was established under a wartime state of emergency renewed by the Government on Friday, said that Quant had sought "to submit Nicaragua to the domination of a foreign power".

The emergency laws also allow the court to confiscate the property of those convicted of counter-revolutionary offences. The Government has been managing Quant's haulage business since shortly after his arrest in September.

Quant, who denied having committed treason despite confessing to his CIA connections, said that he would appeal. The only evidence presented against him were statements by state security officials. The 54-year-old businessman offered only character witnesses in his defence, including testimony from a former minister in the revolutionary Government.

The Anti-Somocista tribunals have been criticized by international human rights groups for their high conviction rate.

Quant is president of the Nicaraguan Chamber of Commerce and a senior member of Cosep, the private enterprise council which forms part of the right-wing opposition political coalition known as the Democratic Co-ordinating Committee. He is also a board member of the American School in Managua.

US Embassy officials said that it was not their policy to comment on intelligence matters. They declined to discuss the role of three former American diplomats in Managua who were named in the indictment.

An embassy spokesman described the severity of the sentence as "a clear message to political opponents of the Government that this could happen to any of them".

Contras seek funds from right in US

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Nicaraguan Contras, temporarily flush with official American funding, have sent 200,000 letters to American conservatives appealing for private donations.

The rebels clearly fear that they have received their last contribution from the US Government now that Democrats control both the Senate and the House of Representatives. They received $40 million recently, and another $60 million is due to be released soon, unless Congress decides to intervene and halt it. That will complete the funding approved before the November election changed the political climate on Capitol Hill.

Mr Nestor Sanchez, the senior Pentagon official responsible for Central American affairs and a former CIA officer for 30 years, is to retire from January 31 *amid reports that* investigators are questioning his role in the Iran-Contra affair (Christopher Thomas writes from Washington). In an interview yesterday he insisted: "I have been talking about retiring for some time and it is just a matter of when . . ."

Señor Bosco Matamoros, the Contra spokesman in Washington, said that $75,000 had already been raised from the mass mailings. The letters say: "We must develop a force of funds that the friends of the Sandinista Communists can't shut-off."

Three mailings for the "Freedom Fighter Supply Fund" have gone to each of the 200,000 people whose names were borrowed or rented from conservative groups. A direct mail consulting firm has been hired for the operation.

Señor Matamoros said that the goals were to compile a list of 50,000 regular donors and to raise $1 million a year "or possibly more".

So far about 4,000 people have sent in money, with donations averaging $25. Several have given twice.

Mr Michael Weintraub, accounts executive of the firm handling the mailings, said that the names were "the standard ones" of conservative activists.

The letters are signed by Señor Adolfo Calero, one of the three leaders of the United Nicaraguan Opposition, the umbrella organization of Contra groups. They say that $3.50 would feed and clothe one "freedom fighter" for a day and ask for funding for one, two or three weeks. Mr Weintraub says that all proceeds so far have been "reinvested" to expand the mailing list.

Officials of the Nicaraguan Democratic Front, the main Contra force, said that donations would also go towards paying off more than $2 million in debts for supplies.

One of the letters being mass mailed says that the "troops" have no boots, no food, and no medicine. "Please help us fight for our freedom as George Washington did for yours," it adds.

One donor from Illinois who sent $25 wrote: "Despite the fact that I am sick and not working, please receive my contribution because from the depths of my heart I believe in your cause."

● **East bloc supplies:** The Soviet Union, East Germany and Cuba sent Nicaragua about 25,300 metric tons of military supplies during 1986, a record for any one year, according to the Pentagon, (Mohsin Ali writes from Washington).

It arrived in Nicaraguan ports aboard 50 ships, with 19,800 metric tons of the total originating in the Soviet Union.

The latest figures represent an update of an earlier Pentagon assessment that had said that nearly 21,000 metric tons had been shipped between January and October 28.

Florida graduates enter fray

Tegucigalpa (Reuter) – A Nicaraguan rebel leader said yesterday that 120 US-trained Contra officers and specialists had entered Nicaragua and would soon step up the war against the Sandinista Government.

Señor Adolfo Calero, head of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), said 67 rebel military officers and a group of communications specialists and paramedics had graduated from a six-week training course in the US and entered Nicaragua to escalate fighting against the Government in Managua.

The training course, which took place at a military installation reported to be in Florida, was part of the $100 million (£67 million) in US aid to the rebels.

Señor Calero said more than 100 additional rebels were taking the course and that a total of 600 would eventually be trained by US advisers. "The Sandinistas had better strengthen their forces, because we have penetrated all over Nicaragua and we are going to intensify the conflict."

More than 10,000 rebels had moved deep into Nicaragua and another 10,000 were in "safe zones" waiting to penetrate further.

However, most Western military observers say FDN forces number no more than 12,000 and that only about 4,000 new rebels have infiltrated during the past two months.

Señor Calero said that attacking the Nicaraguan coffee crop, the main export and a former target for the guerrillas, would not be a significant aim this year because such attacks involved too much of the rebels' resources and endangered civilian lives.

However, he said farming co-operatives guarded by peasant militia would be considered "military targets" by rebels because "they are used as military rest and resupply centres" by the Sandinistas.

A woman veiled in a shawl and two children being brought into Ndjamena, the Chad capital, on a truck carrying rockets from the north-east, where the country's troops have launched an offensive against Libyan-backed rebels.

President Mobutu of Zaire arrived in Chad from Togo yesterday for a visit aimed at underlining his support for a drive to oust the Libyan and rebel forces from northern Chad (Reuter reports).

He was driven through Ndjamena in an open limousine with President Hissène Habré during a brief stop, described officially as a working visit. Zaire is one of Chad's most active supporters, and trains many of its troops and fighter pilots.

Deng's TV marathon tries to dispel doubts over reforms

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Political stability and the primacy of China's Communist Party in everyday life were stressed repeatedly during a meeting several hours long of party officials shown on television from Peking's Great Hall of the People yesterday.

The dull recitals of successes achieved under the economic reforms guided by Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, had been billed in advance as "an important announcement".

In one instance, Mr Lu Guangqiao, from a truck parts factory in Hangchou, managed to extemporize on his unit's achievements for more than an hour.

The show was the most visible manifestation yesterday of Mr Deng's continuing efforts to dispel any doubts about the strength of his regime or the durability of his reforms.

Such doubts have surfaced as the result of the student protests which swept the country last month, from several recent party expulsions – including that on Wednesday of Mr Wang Ruowang, a prominent Shanghai writer – and from the unexplained disappearance of Mr Hu Yaobang, the party General Secretary.

Mr Hu's year-old comments on the subservience of China's press to the needs of the party were reprinted in a commentary in yesterday's *People's Daily*. But a party official refused to say whether Mr Hu still heads the party.

In other developments, a circular from the party's central discipline inspection commission, published in all Chinese national newspapers, urged the 44 million party members to "abide conscientiously by the party constitution" and to "strictly observe party discipline".

Another government circular announced that prices of many food and other commodities would either be frozen or restricted. The spiralling cost of such items, from which subsidies have been lifted in recent years to allow peasants to make more money, has caused great discontent among urban workers, whose salary levels have remained relatively low.

On the surface at least, the new "anti-bourgeois liberalization" campaign and recent expulsions from the Party would suggest that Mr Deng has had to appease the powerful conservatives, including Mr Chen Yun, Mr Deng Liqun and Mr Hu Qiaomu, who threatened to block the reforms if student calls for democracy and freedom are not silenced.

❝ Liberalization suggests Deng has had to appease conservatives ❞

Moreover, rumours of Mr Hu's imminent dismissal as party General Secretary could be interpreted as supporting the view that last month's student protests have had grave and far-reaching effects on Mr Deng's regime.

But in recent days some analysts have begun to see a pattern in the political turmoil that could in fact reaffirm Mr Deng's mastery of Chinese politics.

To begin with, the two main tasks he faces before retirement are to find a suitable successor and to implement political reform by the time the important 13th party congress convenes in October.

For several years Mr Hu, a friend and political ally of Mr Deng for more than 40 years, has been assumed to be the senior leader's logical successor. Mr Deng gave him broad responsibilities within the party and often sent him overseas, to acquire an international perspective.

But the party's conservatives have become disenchanted with Mr Hu. He has unforgiveably endorsed the desire of Chinese youth desire for change and has promoted economic and cultural exchange links with Japan and the West.

On a more practical level, he has also proved to be unacceptable to the military as Mr Deng's successor. As such he would have to assume the chairmanship of the Government's powerful central military commission. But Mr Hu seems to have no feel for military matters or empathy with members of China's military establishment.

Finally, party conservatives have stood in the way of political reform, arguing that the pace of change must be slower and less sweeping. Mr Deng and his supporters have pressed for political reform out of the conviction that flexibility within the political system is essential to achieve economic reform.

Given these problems, analysts say that Mr Deng might find it expedient to remove Mr Hu, to instal Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's premier, as his successor, and to appoint, say, the popular mayor of Tianjin, to be the new party chief.

In that way it is said that Mr Deng could sacrifice Mr Hu to appease party conservatives.

Shippers seek UN escort in Gulf

From Zoriana Pysariwsky
New York

A group of international maritime associations has called for the unprecedented creation of a United Nations naval peacekeeping force to guard neutral shipping in the Gulf against increasing attacks by Iran and Iraq.

Sir Adrian Swire, chairman of the International Chamber of Shipping, based in London, led a delegation of industry leaders who called on Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, to intervene. Later Sir Adrian said that the group envisaged UN convoys to escort merchant ships through the Gulf.

Last year there were 100 attacks, with the loss of some 40 lives, making it the worst year for such attacks on Gulf shipping. Fears that Iran may try to close the Strait of Hormuz in retaliation for Iraqi raids on its oil terminals have left the waterway at its most unsettled since the start of the war six years ago. Iran is seen as determined to take vengeance on neighbouring countries which it regards as Iraq's paymasters.

Representatives of the maritime delegation said that their initiative was testimony to the degree to which merchant shipping found itself vulnerable. Sir Adrian said that unless urgent measures were taken to guarantee safe passage, local shipping officials and crew members might take the law into their own hands by arming vessels.

With British, American, French and Soviet warships on constant patrol, at times acting as convoys for vessels flying their flags, the basic ingredients for an international patrol system already exist. But Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, reluctant to go out on a limb, told the delegation that his hands are tied. They must lobby members of the Security Council, under whose authority a naval peacekeeping presence would be formed.

Iran and Iraq yesterday fought on two fronts 280 miles apart on the seventh day of Iran's latest offensive. Iraq said it repelled a new attack by two Iranian brigades near Sumar, north-east of Baghdad (Reuter rports from Bahrain). Iranian television reported that its forces had advanced to within eight miles of Basra, in the south.

Members of the Security Council have been consulting privately for days on a new initiative to defuse Gulf tensions and open the way to a peaceful solution. But it is too early to predict the outcome of the present Iranian offensive, and the Council remains paralyzed by conflicting interests.

Gulf countries expressed initial interest in the maritime initiative, but it is clear that an intensive campaign would be needed to persuade the permanent members of the Security Council.

The shipping industry leaders said that they would welcome a far-reaching UN debate that would seek clearly to define the rules in international warfare as applying to neutral shipping. Continuation of the attacks, in international waters, weakened severely the principle of freedom of navigation.

Iceland fishing strike is over

Reykjavik (Reuter) – Icelandic fishermen agreed yesterday to end a strike that has halted the island's vital fish catch since the New Year and split the coalition Government over ways of ending the dispute.

The agreement does not, however, end Iceland's problems, as fish exports, which account for 70 per cent of foreign exchange earnings, are still being held up by a different strike.

No Icelandic cargo ships have left the island since the New Year because of a walkout by 250 seamen seeking higher wages.

Greece ratifies Single Act

Athens – The Greek Parliament ratified the European Single Act with rare consensus (Mario Modiano writes).

Only the deputies of the small pro-Moscow Communist Party walked out at the end of the seven-hour session, protesting that this was a sell-out of Greek independence.

Terror suspect

Bonn (Reuter) – West German police are holding a Lebanese man, aged 22, suspected of complicity in the June 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner in Beirut, Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Interior Minister, said.

Drug clue

Washington (AP) – Federal investigators, after finding evidence of marijuana in both the driver and brakeman of the Conrail locomotive that collided with an Amtrak train near Baltimore, are trying to determine whether drug use affected the crew's performance.

Mystery ban

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Nigeria is refusing, without reason, to accept surface mail from South Africa, the South African post office said.

Adrift 10 days

Dubai (Reuter) – An Indian fisherman, who said he survived 10 days afloat on a plank in the Arabian Sea after a shipwreck, is recovering here.

Special force

Seoul (AP) – South Korea's National Police have decided to create a special security force this year in preparation for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Failure ousted

Moscow (Reuter) – A senior district Communist Party official in Moscow has been sacked for failing to deal with drug abuse and alcoholism.

Plot foiled

Colombo – Sri Lankan authorities say that police have foiled an attempt by Tamil guerrillas to blow up the main petrol depot in Colombo.

Tank blast

Madrid – An explosion and fire slightly damaged a tank storage area for petroleum products close to the palace in Majorca where King Juan Carlos and his family spend their summer holidays.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 London Philharmonic Orchestra. Joseph Giunta cond. Hiroyo Uchida piano. Mari Okubo piano. Mari Kodama piano.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.00 Carmen. Tomor 7.00 The Queen of Spades

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THE ARTS

A small problem

Sir *William* Shakespeare, Bart, is an eminent doctor in Aylesbury and a descendent of the Bard's grandfather. He is also "a person of restricted growth" — one of 10,000 people in Britain suffering from achondroplasia, or dwarfism, and one of seven to feature in a documentary for *40 Minutes* entitled, rather questionably, *Short Stories* (BBC2).

Married to a tall, beautiful wife, Shakespeare — a cousin, incidentally, of your critic — has two sons. The elder, called Tom, was born with his condition. Tom is currently studying political science at Cambridge, where he was to be seen waving a banner in

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support of nuclear protesters at Molesworth and from where he hopes to lead the revolution. The film's best sequence consisted of his parents collecting him at the end of term. "What *do* you look like, Tom?" wailed his mother, catching sight first of his hair (which he had dyed) and then his fairly indescribable room. Impishly, he blamed the film crew for not giving him time to pack. More seriously, he blamed our society for its deficiency of stature in perceiving dwarfs as objects of ridicule and superstition. "If you are short", he said, "they tend to assume you have the *mentality of a child.*"

The best that can be said of Colleen Toomey's film on this obvious and fascinating subject — an awesomely difficult subject to tackle without hitting the wrong note — was that it was well directed and contained many other moments of humour and compassion.

The worst is that, overall, she reduced it to the level of a colour supplement. Though it was never mentioned she had interviewed seven dwarfs, there was, ever so often, something so Snow White-ish in her treatment one could not help feeling she had tweely exploited them for a human interest story instead of presenting a genuine understanding of their condition.

Rather than attempt a medical explanation (as Snowdon's documentary on the subject did some 15 years ago), she gave us home movies with piano music. Eager, on the surface, to highlight how self-sufficient everyone was, she weighed down the programme with flapping mothers. Keen to record the "normal share" of the girlfriends enjoyed by Mike Ballan (who played the cuddly bear in *Star Wars*) she showed him walking with a girl before releasing the sad information that this relationship had not lasted. Why not? It was an unforgivable failure of nerve not to interview the girl in question. Perhaps she refused, but perhaps Miss Toomey recognized something of her own short-term interest in Ballan. From this moment on the film did not seem to go anywhere.

Nicholas Shakespeare

● Mahler's Eighth Symphony receives its South Bank première on March 11, James Blair conducting the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra and massed voices in the Festival Hall. Although the work has acquired the nickname "Symphony of a Thousand", it has often been successfully given with far fewer performers than that.

The fairy-tale world of independence

CINEMA

Down By Law (15)
Gate Notting Hill;
Screen on the Hill

Walls of Glass (15)
Cannons Panton Street,
Tottenham Court Road

Short Circuit (PG)
Leicester Square
Theatre

A Love Bewitched (PG)
Curzon

Rocinante (PG)
Renoir

Vamp (18)
Prince Charles

Cheek to cheek: Roberto Benigni and Nicoletta Braschi share a tender moment in *Down By Law*

Jim Jarmusch's eccentric black comedy **Down By Law** is a shade more purposeful in its structure than *Stranger than Paradise*, but still pretty wayward. It is set in New Orleans, where a small-time pimp (John Lurie, from *Stranger than Paradise*) and a disc-jockey (Tom Waite, who also composes and sings the music of the film) land in gaol, separately framed by ill-wishers. They break out of prison, in company with a moonstruck Italian tourist (Roberto Benigni), and find themselves benighted in the Everglades, the bloodhounds baying behind them. In the nature of Jarmusch's fairy-tale world, peril is soon left behind, the Italian finds love in the swamps and the others set out optimistically towards vague new destinies.

That the comedy is more abandoned than in *Stranger than Paradise* is largely thanks to the presence of Benigni, a Tuscan stage comic who has recently joined the new Italian breed of movie director-comedians. In his first English-language film, Benigni discovers a whole wonderful new facet of his talent with an incomparable style in fractured English. Whether leading the gaol inmates in a resounding chorus of "I scream for ice-cream" or soliloquizing on his dear old Italian mama's talent for slaughtering rabbits, his comedy dominates the film.

Down By Law is shot by Robby Muller, Wim Wenders's cameraman, in black and white images which record the gaol and the untidy wooden-box houses of the suburbs as evocatively as the wilderness of the swamps.

Like *Down By Law*, **Walls of Glass** demonstrates the pleasurable surprises to be discovered in American independent film-making, unshackled by the conventional box-office expectations. The title refers to the windows of the taxicab that imprison the hero during his working hours; but the film is about aspiration that sometimes even surmounts the most unfavourable conditions.

At 53 the hero (Philip Bosco) dreams of becoming a classical actor. The odds are against him. He is haunted by the memory of his defeated, alcoholic father who bequeathed him only a passion for Shakespeare; anxious for the future of his sons, under the tutelage of his gambling-mad divorced wife; uncertain of his relationship with his younger mistress; tormented by his sadistic drama-teacher; humiliated by jacks-in-office at the theatres where he auditions. Again, however, we are indulged with a fairy-tale happy end.

This is the first film of a young music graduate, Scott Goldstein, who produced, directed, co-wrote (with Edmond Collins) and composed the score. It demonstrates that visual quality is dictated by imagination, not by money. Goldstein eloquently uses the oppressive mess of domestic interiors, the cold spaces of empty theatres, the contrasts of the city's broad, beautiful panoramas and embattled street traffic. The film never looks cheap: locations like an open-air theatre in Central Park are used with brio.

The important message of John Badham's **Short Circuit** is that special-effects kid-films do not necessarily have to be cheap and mindless. This one has a good heart and a proper moral. The picture starts with a laboratory demonstration of a new line in military robots. The attendant Pentagon top brass exult that "one of these could walk down Main Street Moscow with a 20-megaton bomb in its hands".

Robot No 5, however, malfunctions after being mildly struck by lightning and bumping into a wall. Absconding from the laboratory, he is adopted by an incorrigible health-food freak and animal lover (Ally Sheedy). After absorbing and processing the contents of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and the day-long output of commercial television, No 5 acquires the power of reason. His dramatic decision that he does not want to be a war machine dedicated to destruction naturally makes him a threat to national security, requiring mobilization of army and federal police in a search-and-destroy operation.

To match its goodwill, the film is funny, fresh and very charming. Austin Pendleton plays a crazed scientific industrialist; Steve Guttenberg the unworldly boffin who finds redemption when he starts to consider the implications of his researches.

Following *Blood Wedding* and *Carmen*, Carlos Saura continues his series of dance films with the Antonio Gades company in Falla's **El Amor Brujo (A Love Bewitched)**. The original ballet score has been extended with dramatic scenes to a feature-length drama about love, passion, murder, ghosts and revenge. Saura's approach is paradoxical: he opens the film by showing the whole studio and establishing that the scene is only a set against a cyclorama; but thereafter aims for naturalism.

With a less interesting scenario and less seductive music than *Carmen, El Amor Brujo* demands a specific taste for the clapping, stamping and torero-ing of Spanish dance, for the pneumonic timbre of Spanish singing and for Gades's principle that no one is too old, too plain or too misshapen to dance — here he stages one number with half a dozen stout septuagenarian chorines.

It goes against the grain to knock a workship production made on a shoestring, particularly when its technical achievement — handsome pictures and good recording — is as creditable as in **Rocinante**; but someone should have advised the writer-directors, Ann and Eduardo Guedes, against their script. It is the quintessence of avant-gardist pretentions — windy dialogue, a heavy mix of emblematic characters like the demonic jester (David Dury) with tail-coat and limp or the rude mechanical cinema projectionist (Jimmy Jewell), music that takes off into Mozart, and literary citations from Marvell to Raymond Williams.

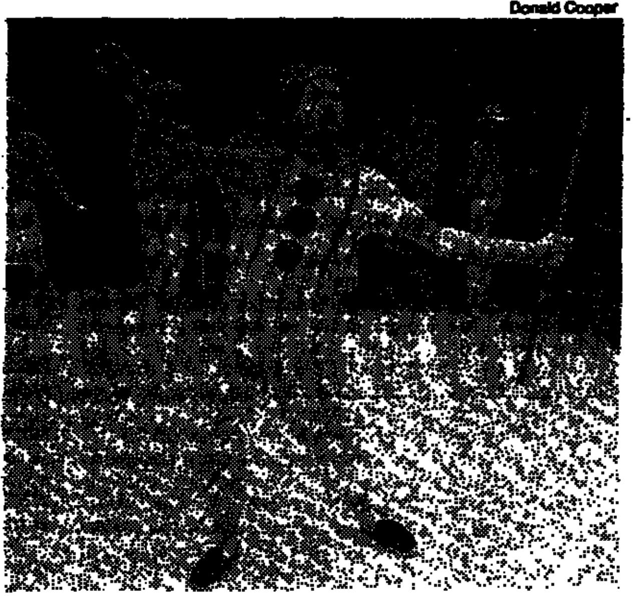
With all this goes very little substance. John Hurt's progress across Britain is accompanied by vague reflections that all these beautiful estates were built on the suffering of the oppressed; and rather hastily at the end we learn that it is all about the 1984 miners' strike anyway.

Whenever even the tawdriest exploitation film introduces an element of self-ridicule it is credited with being tongue-in-cheek and sophisticated, and is likely to make it into the London Film Festival, as **Vamp** unaccountably did last year. Directed and co-scripted by Richard Wenk as his feature début, the film's only novelty is to set a vampire story in a sleazy night-club where the strippers, led by Grace Jones, all turn out to be bloodsuckers.

David Robinson

THEATRE

Twelfth Night
Donmar Warehouse



Donald Cooper

A pain almost unbearably sharp: Stephen Simms as Feste

Every critic must hope, in those last moments before a play begins, that he will find in the production about to open in front of him some marvellous, unsuspected richness.

Every critic is frequently disappointed, but from the first sight of the Cheek by Jowl company wandering about the wide, tiled square of the stage, mingling with us — a naval officer (later discovered to be Timothy Walker's Orsino) chatting up a girl, a trio (Keith Bartlett's Sir Toby *et al*) softening us with music — an air of rare but unmistakable confidence spread from performers to audience, and we were never betrayed.

Cheek by Jowl's director, Declan Donnellan, places this play of multiple self-deception under a brilliant light, and in the close quarters of the Warehouse we see every trace of the thought the characters let out. A wealth of interrelations develops through the glances exchanged; eyes rake other faces to guess at intentions.

Spread out to the four corners of the stage, four mismatched lovers will approach the wrong partners and one's head jerks like a tennis spectater so as to miss nothing. Melinda McGraw's Maria is an Irish cigarette-smoking slut, but a wow on the sax, and a southern belle to Aden Gillett's Texan numbskull of an Aguecheek.

The production contains humorous strokes far too numerous to itemize. "Blame not this haste of mine", murmurs Anne White's Olivia, advancing on an amazed Sebastian in full bridal kit. But the comedy is not so rich that it cannot contain the pain. Stephen Simms has almost too sharp a quantity of pain for the play to bear. He is a stricken Feste, easily wounded and, with head averted, mouthing a silent scream. Perhaps his pain, like everyone else's, is sexual (he seems to capture the pirate Antonio at the end).

In Patricia Kerrigan — apparently making her theatrical début in this country — the production has an enchanting Viola, clear and intense, unfussy, resonant in voice, poised, yet heart-catching in distress.

One clue to any production of this play is the treatment of Malvolio's last outraged cry. Hugh Ross, sober, pinched, in whom misunderstanding of Olivia's intention dawns when she chances to rest a perfumed hand upon his, is turned by love and yellow socks into a Glen Baxter hero, bush-jacketed, in bare knees, and remote from reality. The scalping he undergoes is a terrible humiliation, and yet, at the end of the play, he goes on smiling. He shakes the hands of his tormentors. What is the director doing? He toasts their health — but there is one taunt too painful to bear. A final deception brings his part in the play and the play itself to a superb close.

Jeremy Kingston

Terracotta
ICA

For the next three weeks London is host to the International Mime Festival, and a glance at the CVs of the 21 troupes and one-man-shows reveals a range of activity from plate-throwing to encapsulated histories of the world. These extremes seem to catch the characteristics of modern mime, where uncommon dexterity goes along with a tendency to take a dim, if comic, view of most of mankind's other achievements.

Mime has greatly changed since the days when totally silent performers wearing vaguely French trousers trapped themselves inside invisible mazes. The Belgian mime Pat van Hemelrijck, in his earth-stained clothes and owlish glasses, is literally immersed in the tangible detritus of civilization. For much of his hour-long show *Terracotta* he performs inside a large glass tank. A maximum of 56 spectators watch from beneath a skeletal tent reached by a path winding between terracotta flowerpots packed with soil to represent all the countries of the earth. The way leads past quaint, long-beaked birds with heads ingeniously made from upturned watering-cans.

The inventive reuse of rubbish marks his performance inside the tank. Surfacing like a mole from his floor he plays idly with toy mice, finds a camel in a pack of Camel cigarettes, outwits a snapping handbag, turns a broken mirror into an oasis (for the camel) and, from a contest between two mice dicing with cheese, leads on to the destruction of civilization as we know it.

The simplicity of certain episodes brings the risk of bathos dangerously near, but when Van Hemelrijck's object-association triumphs, as with the conversion of mousetrap to raft and then to desert-island deck-chair, it is suddenly possible to share his childlike glee at strange achievements. Likewise, to a lesser degree, his fears. He has discovered an original means to further a familiar message.

J.K.

The Secret Garden
King's Head

It is not often that the King's Head finds the resources to mount its own productions, and — in the triumphant wake of *Mr Cinders* — this latest celebration of the innocent English past is clearly close to the heart of an establishment that is still conducting its bar sales in pre-metric currency.

I think Frances Hodgson Burnett would have been pleased with the musical that Diana Morgan and Steven Markwick have developed from her famous story, including the line dismissing her *Little Lord Fauntleroy* as "a pack of sentimental twaddle". *The Secret Garden*, for all its trust in the benevolence of nature and childhood friendship, is not sentimental; but any adaptation has to tread a very careful line to save it from falling into the clutches either of Patience Strong or Sigmund Freud.

The King's Head team do not succeed too well with Archie, the gloomy master of Tregaron Hall, who comes over less as a grieving widower than as a maudlin absentee landlord. But they are on firm ground with the three children. Mary and Colin may be victims of parental death and despair; but that does not prevent them also from appearing as unbearable brats. And, after the screaming tantrums of Lucinda Edmonds and Gian Sammarco, you are prepared to believe in their magical transformation. As for Dickon, the juvenile Dionysus (Richard Gauntlett), lacking an actual garden, he displays his powers through dance and juggling that would charm the birds out of the trees.

The success of Joan Kemp-Welch's production is in substituting a theatrical alternative for the natural world of the book. Such is the main justification for setting it to music; and Mr Markwick's unassuming waltzes and ballads project its full emotional range, from anger to lyrical joy, without straying beyond the idiom of Ivor Novello. They also supply material for elaborate group numbers which are a speciality of this tiny stage.

Tim Goodchild's set combines the interior of the dilapidated mansion with two views of the garden: first evoked through delicate scenery painting, and then in pop-up book transformation. The broom dances, reels and knees-ups which David Toguri has devised within these limits are the choreographic equivalent of writing the Lord's Prayer on an orange pip.

Irving Wardle

Rituals for the faithful

CONCERTS

Jacobson/Ball
St John's

The critics, the composers and the very faithful, very few who struggled through the snow for their fix of a novel note or two in this concert, given under the auspices of the Society for the Promotion of New Music, were not guided by any label. Nevertheless, the evening did have a theme, for all the works we heard seemed to be involved with ritual. And often it was the ritual, not the musical matter, that seemed to be the point.

Certainly that was the case in Jan Steele's *The Victoria Incident Part III* for two pianos, composed in 1984 and given its London première here by the adventurous, confident duo of Julian Jacobson and Andrew Ball. Steele's work comes within the confines — and confines they are — of minimalism. Take a few chord progressions, elongate them, repeat them, harness the few standard figurations and, hey presto, you have your piece. All too easy.

But not everything was like that. The Indian composer Priti Paintal's *Gandharva Music I* used as its point of departure a Hindu mantra, a ritualistic chant, concerning birth and growth. (Paintal, incidentally, is a woman, which is only relevant here because Hindu women are forbidden contact with mantras.)

Predictably there were echoes of Messiaen in the piano part, but the vocal line, sung beautifully cleanly by Mary King, and the harmonies were all the more expressive for their directness. Direct is the word, too, for Javier Alvarez's *Ki Bone Gaku* for trombone (Barrie Webb) and marimba (Simon Limbrick), which explored, not altogether convincingly, contradictions in the concepts of solo and duet.

In her *In the Hall of Mirrors*, a setting of lines by James Merrill, Rhian Samuel showed her sensitive harmonic palette through her deft piano writing, and if at times the voice part seems a little stiffly wrought the text itself was an intriguing choice. The concept of reflection — what could be more ritualistic? — also forms the basis of Philip Feeney's *But Back at Seven* for two pianos and two percussionists (Limbrick and Martin Allen), the latter group intentionally "reflecting" the percussive nature of the former. There were beautiful sounds here without doubt, but the seven contrasting sections, with their seven gradually expanding codas, did not in the end seem to lead to very much.

Stephen Pettitt

Feinstein Quartet
Purcell Room

It cannot yet be certain whether the man at the Job Centre made a sound investment. When the flautist Martin Feinstein approached the Manpower Services Commission for assistance in founding a quartet, it was clear that a risk was involved, though a group as he envisaged it with flute, piano, double bass and percussion certainly has a degree of novelty on its side.

Perhaps it is worth reflecting that a further spur to employment will come from their intention to use new works by contemporary composers. For their London début the Feinstein Quartet gave the first performance of Edward Shipley's *Cabaret*, a jazz-inspired suite in six movements which had been specially commissioned for their combination of instruments.

It is a piece which teases the ear. Even when the rhythm section suggests that jazz is on the way, the music holds back on the boundaries of the popular idiom, preferring material in a more severe and modernist style. The musing of the flute in the central movements goes on too long, but a small array of abrupt and insistent motifs build up a powerful final climax.

In its layout, if not its more avant garde language, the work resembles the ever-popular suite by Claude Bolling. Here jazz really does hold sway and the Feinstein Quartet made the whole piece go with a swing, although the pianist might yet find a few more colours (preferably blue) and the pauses between movements were too long.

To complete the programme Martin Feinstein gave well characterized performances of flute sonatas by Prokofiev and Martinů, the latter an ingenious piece full of airy and felicitous detail. But it is without doubt the quartet's sparkling account of the Bolling suite which will give the investors their best hope of a return in the future.

Richard Fairman

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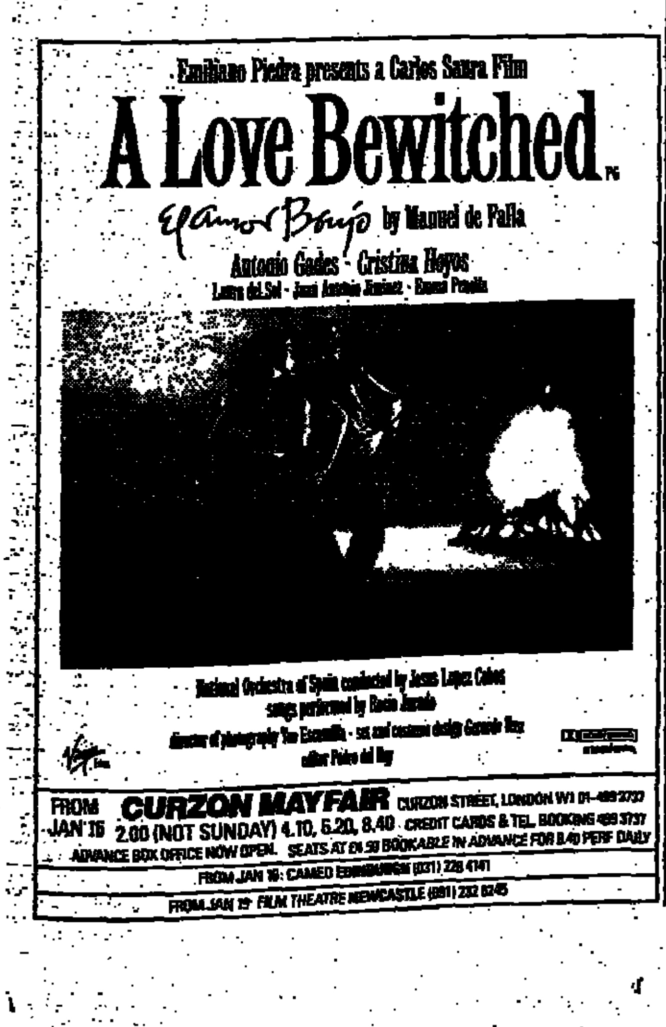

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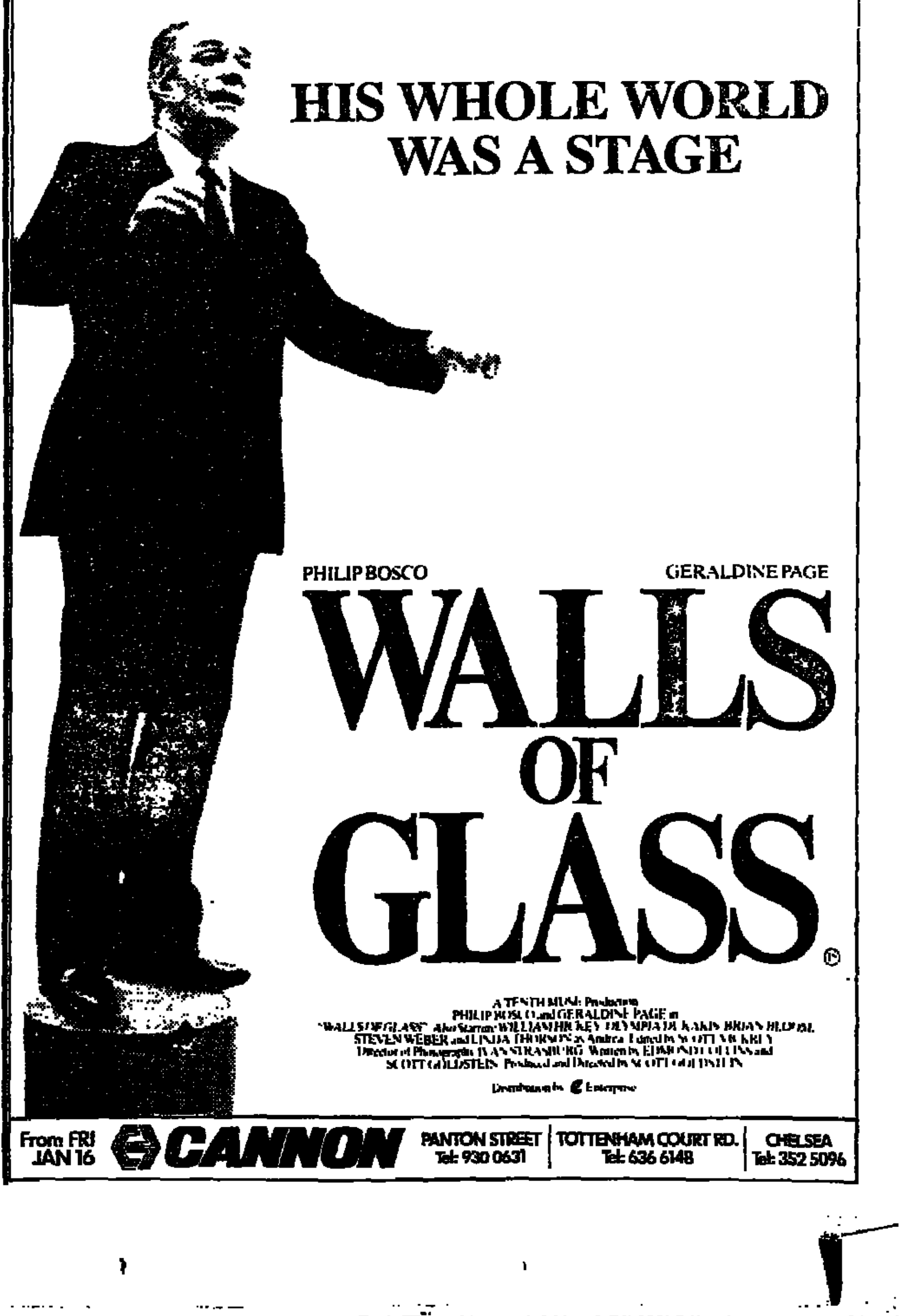

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SPECTRUM

The schools that must try harder

Kenneth Baker (above) is worried by the latest HMI reports. John Clare suggests that the answers may lie in his own hands

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told an education conference last week that he had spent part of his Christmas holiday reading a batch of reports by Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) about various schools in England and Wales. He said it was a "rather depressing" experience.

He had read 31 reports in all. They were "an essential source of information about what is actually happening in our schools and colleges and about the standards that are being achieved".

Among the reports were five on primary schools all described as above average in quality. Standards were generally poor in three institutions and the rest, Mr Baker said, were average.

He went on: "Most worrying is that even in average institutions, HMI are repeatedly concerned about such basic matters as the low expectations many teachers have of their pupils; the lack of differentiation of work according to pupils' needs; and the ramshackle nature of much of the preparation and planning of the work."

Mr Baker did not name the schools he had found so depressing but it is not hard to identify them. The HMI reports are published, at the rate of half a dozen or more a week. They are sent to the schools concerned (parents can obtain them from the headmaster) and to the press. I, too, spent part of my Christmas holiday reading them.

One that caught my eye, and will certainly have caught Mr Baker's, was on Longdean, a large comprehensive (1,200 pupils aged 11 to 18) in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

As the Secretary of State will have learnt, there is a technique for decoding these documents. You turn first to the "conclusion". The one on Longdean begins: "A number of positive features have been noted within this report . . . " That instantly sets alarm bells ringing. It means the inspectors have been displeased by some of the things they have seen.

One aspect of Longdean they did not like was the teaching. "Not all teachers created a good learning atmosphere", they noted icily.

The report continues: "There were just a few examples of pupils showing excitement for learning in an atmosphere created by the teacher. The predominant teaching style allows the pupils to be rather passive. There is a need to focus on a range of teaching methods and, in particular, those which require pupils to be more involved in their own learning."

That means most of the teachers spend their time standing in front of the class dictating. The children are supposed to write it all down and are not encouraged to ask any questions.

"There was little evidence," the inspectors say, "of pupils looking widely outside the prescribed texts, or reading around a subject in order to broaden or deepen their understanding."

In English, the pupils' writing is described as "lacking in range and variety" and "limited to stereotyped formats". In maths, exercises were "often unrelated to real-life problems". In craft, design and technology, "no freehand sketches of high quality were evident".

So the evidence accumulates. The inspectors clearly saw Longdean as a boring, narrow, old-fashioned school. Yet, as they record, it is popular with parents and has "achieved a considerable measure of success" in ensuring that "as many pupils as possible" obtain a recognized qualification.

Another feature of the school that displeased them was not one to which Mr Baker cares to draw attention. "Overall," the inspectors reported, "the state of maintenance, cleanliness and decoration of the buildings is very poor".

They note the "depressing quality of the physical provision", the "entirely unacceptable backlog of decoration", the eight "temporary" classes now all more than 20 years old, the "large quantities of broken glass" in the playground, the areas of peeling paint, the wood "showing signs of rot", the "worn desks covered with graffiti" and the light fittings without shades.

It adds up to what the inspectors describe as an "environment which lacks inspiration and aesthetic qualities". In other words, Longdean is desperately short of money.

So, too, is St Matthew's High School in Manchester, a Roman Catholic comprehensive with more than 1,000 pupils, the subject of another report Mr Baker will have read and been depressed by over Christmas. The conclusion begins: "The poor external environment and the general condition and appearance of the buildings do not create a good environment for learning, nor do they encourage pupils to respect them."

The school had another problem too. It was about to embark, under a new headmaster, on what the inspectors call "a period of change". But progress had been "hindered almost to the point of extinction by two substantial periods of teacher action". In two months at the end of 1985 the school lost 800 periods through walkouts by teachers and another 184 through half-day strikes.

The report goes on: "Concern was also expressed by the head about the general erosion of the fabric of school discipline and the additional efforts having to be made to prevent a spread among pupils of lateness, absence, indiscipline and a failure to complete work."

That is the background against which the inspectors' often severe strictures have to be read: "Overall the standards of work produced by the pupils were remarkably uneven . . . In general there was marked under-expectation of pupils . . . There was insufficient differentiation of tasks to cope with the wide range of ability in many classes . . . Generally a narrow range of teaching styles was observed . . . Lessons were predominantly directed by the teachers with pupils playing a passive role . . . Teachers had narrow views of their subject area . . . Little humour was observed in lessons . . . Some pupils, particularly girls, may be underachieving in public examinations."

All of these criticisms are damning; none is unusual. Another report was on Lanfranc High School (700 pupils) in Croydon: "Some of the teaching is more formal than necessary . . . There is a problem of low expectations . . . Extensive copying from the blackboard . . . The teacher's voice is heard to excess in the classroom . . . Very little of the marking of pupils' work is constructive or helpful".

And so it goes on. But the inspectors also noted the "bleak external environment" and the "bare appearance" inside the school. They said pupils' attendance had been affected by the teachers' action which had also put "considerable pressure on staff relationships". They said there was an "urgent need to weld the staff into an effective team, to sustain them and raise morale".

In his speech last week, Mr Baker concluded that "all is not well in our education system" and that there was "an urgent need to improve the standards and quality in both primary and secondary schools". On the evidence of the HMI reports, it is not a conclusion with which anyone could quarrel.

However, the reports also contain other evidence that cannot be ignored, no matter how unpalatable it might be to the Secretary of State for Education and Science. That evidence suggests that standards will not be improved until school resources are improved and the goodwill of teachers has been recovered. Until that happens, Mr Baker will continue to be depressed by his Christmas reading.

Rex Harvey, head, with his pupils at Longdean School: the inspectors noted peeling paint and worn desks

Brian McNulty, head of St Matthew's School: the mural wall is damp and has to be regularly replastered

OFFICIAL FLIES ON THE CLASSROOM WALL

● Her Majesty's Inspectors (so called to emphasize their independence from the government of the day) are responsible for assessing standards and trends in education and advising the Secretary of State on how the system is performing.

They have a right of access to every one of the 30,000 state and private schools in the country and carry out detailed inspections of about 250 every year. Their reports have been made public since January 1983.

A full inspection can be a daunting experience for a school. A dozen or more HMIs spend a week on the premises, sitting in on lessons, interviewing teachers and pupils, examining exercise books, asking questions, making notes, talking to governors. Their report appears about six months later.

Some schools are chosen for a full inspection because they are known to be unusually good or bad but most are selected at random by a computer.

Other inspections are informal. Two or three inspectors spend a day looking round; no report is produced. In this way, HMI see most secondary schools at least once a year.

● There are more than 600 HMIs in England, Scotland and Wales. Nearly all are former teachers or lecturers. They tend to be a self-perpetuating elite, jealous of their independence.

Their annual reports are a severe embarrassment both for the Government, regularly indicted for being tight-fisted, and the teaching profession, a third of whom are generally judged incompetent to some degree.

● Recently, however, the inspectors themselves have been coming under fire, particularly from right-wing educationists, who accuse them of trying to destroy traditional practices in the name of progressive theory.

'Off the mark' reports

At Longdean School a cutting from the local paper is pinned to the noticeboard of the upper sixth common room. "School scandal", the headline screams.

After the publication of the HMI report, Natalie Brooks, the head girl, says pupils were angry that the local press homed in on all the negative aspects of the school, such as the derelict greenhouse surrounded by barbed wire. Now the eyesore has been removed, one of many improvements to the school fabric since the inspectors submitted their report.

Every run-down school in Hertfordshire now probably wishes that HMI will draw its name out of the hat, because Longdean has since secured a mini-windfall from the local authority. A sum of at least £50,000 has been set aside for renovation to the external fabric, the lavatories and the stairwells.

"I feel their visit has done us an enormous favour because we will now probably end up with a properly decorated school," says the headmaster, Mr Rex Harvey.

The school's traditional image is confirmed by Mr Harvey's attire: a long gown which accompanies him as he strides between corridor and classroom. He concedes that the inspectors did a "professional job" and to an extent, staff have taken on board some of the criticisms. For example, the report urged heads of departments to "provide a broader statement of each department's work" which has provoked teachers to compile more rigorous plans of their aims.

The school, however, already has a history of good examination results. For the years 1984 to 1986 an average of 32 per cent of pupils gained five O-level passes or more (the national average is 26.9 per cent). This record, backed up the schools' continuing popularity with parents, has given staff a confidence in their teaching methods which suggests that some of the HMI recommendations will be eyed with suspicion. The head of English, in particular, thought the inspectors were way off the mark in their assessment of her department.

Mr Brian McNulty, head of St Matthew's RC High School since January 1983, said his initial response to the inspectors' findings was shock: "We didn't feel it was a realistic appraisal of the school. I accept that some of the points about narrow teaching styles have some validity. But where I feel the report was unfair was in its castigation of the history and art departments for being too traditional. These two subjects have consistently produced the best exam results."

Nevertheless, the criticisms have been discussed at a special parents's meeting. And, like the head of Longdean, Mr McNulty says the visit has had some beneficial effects. Manchester local education authority has found an extra £30,000 for more textbooks and a decent school library.

Mark Dowd

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'Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation for ever'

Governor George Wallace, the Dixie hard man who softened, retires today after 24 years in control of Alabama

Dixie, old and new, black and white, says goodbye today to Governor George Wallace, a sad and tragic man, paralysed, hard of hearing, forever in and out of hospital, a man who continues to pay grievously for all that he has done and achieved. He belongs to history now, even though he would have preferred to stay a while longer in the great white Governor's Mansion in Montgomery. But he quit because he knew they were throwing him out.

The very greyness and low-key style of his successor shows what a breach there has been from the raunchy, dangerous past. Guy Hunt is a farmer, preacher, and part-time salesman from the little country town of Holly Pond. He won the Republican nomination when it was still a booby prize – before, that is, the polls started to show that the Wallace era was dying on its feet. Elected last November as the first Republican governor of Alabama for 112 years, he will be sworn in on Monday. For this poor, enormous state, it is an historic leap.

Two events rise above all others in Wallace's career: a pledge he made at the University of Alabama in 1963 in his first inaugural address: "Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation for ever." And then there was the day – May 15,1972 – in a car park at a shopping mall in Laurel, Maryland, when he was shot and paralysed from the waist down, ending his presidential hopes and shattering the most compelling political figure in America. Depression and illness have followed him cruelly ever since.

He changed because the wind changed. He entered the Governor's Mansion in 1962 as one man and leaves as another. He served four terms of four years and put his wife, Lurleen, up for election in 1966 because of a state law preventing him from succeeding himself. She died in office two years later.

His most remarkable race was in 1982, when the New Man presented himself to the New South. This was the first sign of the born-again populist who would represent "all citizens of Alabama". He appealed to blacks to forget the past and accept him as a compassionate, caring man. Which, remarkably, they did. It was unbelievable, but blacks flocked to him and put him back in power.

The long drama of his political career ended last spring when he was wheeled into the old state House of Representatives chamber. Fighting tears, speaking in a thin, strained voice, he said he had climbed his last political mountain. The five bullets that smashed into him "gave me a thorn in the flesh like it did the Apostle Paul. I prayed it would be removed, but it was not." At the age of 66, he announced that he was quitting.

He mentioned only the violence of those bullets. He did not refer to the violence of racial conflict that many said he inspired when he, Alabama and America were different. Assessments of him tend to be kind today because he is such a tragic figure in constant pain. David Broder, an influential columnist for *The Washington Post*, who covered the ugly, early days, commented: "No one who saw him during the 1960s could forget the fury he expressed or the fanatic following he gained."

Broder recalled the dripping sarcasm that was the cornerstone of the rhetoric, such as his suggestion that the liberal explanation of criminal behaviour was that the mugger or the rapist "didn't get his broccoli when he was a little boy". Wallace coined the slogan "stand up for America" but, it has been noted, it took Ronald Reagan, eventually, to use it properly.

In a sense he has not been defeated: rather, he has been outlived. In his final term he made amends in gradiose manner, naming more than 160 blacks to important advisory positions, helping to put blacks on key legislative committees, and endorsing a plan to double the number of black voting registrars in Alabama's 67 counties.

Mr E.D. Nixon, who in 1955 founded the Montgomery bus boycott and persuaded a young Baptist preacher named Martin Luther King to join in, recalled: "Wallace's bark was always worse than his bite. I have always been able to talk to him."

All that is left for Wallace now is to loom over the state as a kind of elder statesmen. Physically he is broken, and faces interminable hospital visits in the remote hope of easing the pain. In the final months he hardly appeared in public. "Some of you young people might not realize that I paid a pretty high price for doing what the people of this state wanted," he said in one of his last speeches.

Christopher Thomas

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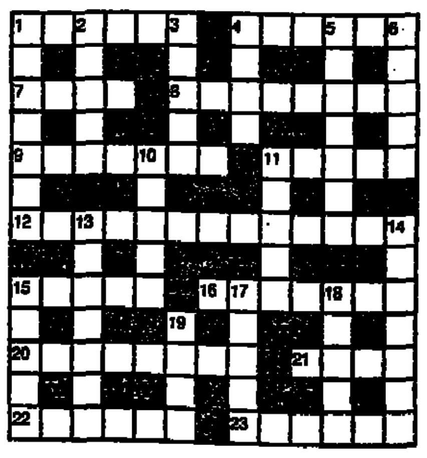

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When the child is father to the man

THE THREE AGES OF CHILDHOOD

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Part 3: Mini-adults

At ten a child is perhaps as close to perfect as he or she can ever hope to become; a balance, says **Barbara Toner**, between self-interest and a concern for the higher goals of life, like justice and order

Game for anything: seeing life's grey areas, but still excited by the vision

In the child at ten you can see the promise of man at his finest. The pressing temporal preoccupations of sex, power and to a certain extent money, are matched by an awesome concern for justice and order.

Unburdened by hormones and well into the age of reason, the ten-year-old looks out at the world and sees it more or less unselfishly, no longer black and white, but complicated by grey, much bigger and *harder to handle than it ever was* before but still exciting, still full of good things that could happen any minute.

Ten-year-olds are generous, respectful, enthusiastic, compassionate, inquisitive, restless, keen to be independent and just as keen not to be. They try to pin down their rapidly changing circumstances by sudden and exotic bursts of tidying, labelling and compartmentalising their possessions. Or so it seemed to me when my two old daughters were ten. They constantly enthralled me without terrifying me. At ten they were really awfully sensible.

You can get away with generalising, I think, because although they are well-established as individuals, the greatest influence on the 10-year-old *is the pack*. Their reactions to common experiences, like the opposite sex, hair cuts and pocket money, is more or less predictable according to what the rest of the class thinks.

Sex is pretty important. Each age has its own way of looking at it. At ten, looking isn't quite as important as talking about "doing" it and if at all possible being seen to be doing something which looks like you're pretty sure how it's done.

Image is the thing. It's not very romantic. When one of my daughters was ten *she came home from* school with the very impressive news that the class heart throb/biz pain (depending) had kissed her friend for three whole minutes in the cloakroom after P.E. "Proper kissing. You know, grinding."

"What did your friend say?" I asked.

"She said Phew!" my daughter reported. "She'd run out of air."

With very rare exceptions, sex is incredibly innocent at ten. Getting the general idea is what is important; if you can't get the first *steps right with someone* at school, how can you?

It is different at single sex schools where the main source of pleasure is gossip and the book someone's mother has presented in the hope that no more need be said if the pictures are examined carefully. I'm not at all sure that ten-year-olds at single sex schools don't lose out. At the standard *primary, important discoveries* are made in the changing rooms which are widely discussed outside them.

The reason Maurice didn't flash in the changing rooms the same as everyone else, my daughter was reliably told, was because his had hairs on it. And all the boys knew Martina didn't go swimming because she'd had her you-knows. The physical differences were intriguing, not just between boys and girls but between girls who wore 34b bras and those who wore 28in vests and boys who were 3ft *6in and those who were 5ft 6in.*

Sexual adventures of a dispassionate but extremely informative nature were fairly common that year, in between fund-raising for Ethiopia and Battersea dogs' home, starting clubs designed to exclude someone or other, heart-to-heart counselling for the person they had excluded and worry about what school everyone was going to the next September.

Fund-raising *appeals to* ten-year-olds because they are naturally altruistic and because one of the things they like best is working as a team for a recognized good. Before I banned tricking and treating at hallowe'en mine were perfectly happy to give the money they raised to the dogs' home, though they wouldn't have minded it for sweets.

The victims of famines, global catastrophes and threatened children's hospitals could all be saved if it was left to the efforts of ten-year-olds. *All* they need is a flicker of inspiration from *Blue Peter*. They get great satisfaction from putting others before themselves. It even surpasses hoarding money, which is another interest, but they can't stand their efforts going unnoticed. Battersea dogs' *home, I seem to recall,* thrilled them by making them honorary dogs or something.

It's also important for them to *know where they stand money*-wise in relation to the rest of the world, not just "are we rich" or "are we poor" but "why do you give me less pocket money than everyone else in our class" and "if it's my money how come you won't let me spend it on what I want?"

Money is part of their self-image, their sense of fairness and their *muscle-flexing*, an important exercise which goes on quite a lot and is usually bound up with other needs as well. Take the clubs.

Part of the charm of clubs is knowing that you have at your mercy anyone who wants to be in them. But just as important is drawing up rules which everyone must keep which makes you the same as them — and makes the unfortunate people outside different. Conforming is essential but conforming to your own legislation is heaven.

The ten-year-olds at *my* daughter's school were given instant power by going into the top class, which conferred automatic status but meant, at the same time, serious responsibility because the school was a good one. Any *temptation to throw their weight* around was tempered by their interest in being seen to be doing the right thing.

At the same time, because it was their last year after at least six under that very roof, they were restless and anxious to move on, away from their childhoods, I suspected, and into secondary school and adult life. They were *apprehensive but they couldn't* wait.

With the pending change, they discovered that the differences they had already noticed in their classmates were going to affect the course of their lives: that the *cleverer and the richer would have* a wider choice than the less bright and the less well-off.

Their teacher insisted that the interviews for the comprehensive were as crucial as the entrance exams for private schools, but she' knew that the children knew there was a difference. The thrill of a child offered a place after a competitive entrance exam was *not the same as that of a child who* was offered a place in a drawer. Nor was the rejection.

It certainly didn't make the children in my *daughters' classes* think any more or any less of each other but I think that for most of them, it was the first brush with a system which affected them as *individuals and not as part of a* family. It sobered them.

Not all ten-year-olds go through it, of course, but it seems to me that, at ten, a child's social awareness is developed to the point where they know perfect security, if they've had it so far, can no longer be guaranteed.

They look forward with some trepidation and back with scorn because they're neither one thing nor the other, neither adult nor baby. They're both — which I, for one, found practically perfect.

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No slave to success

Tama Janowitz is in London, in the money and in with the critics. Now all she needs is to fall in love, fast

Lonely in a crowd: Tama Janowitz in search of warmth

Tama Janowitz's mother once gave her a voodoo kit to help improve her love life: a magic oil for her bath, incense, a pink candle, a book of chants and an indelible "love powder" to rub on her chest.

For a while, says Janowitz, it worked, but this week she is somewhat ruefully alone again in London to publicize *Slaves of New York*, the most talked-about collection of short stories for a long time; dazzlingly original metropolitan myths which have been described as quirky, savagely witty and piercingly accurate.

At present the 29-year-old Janowitz seems more concerned with her yearning for "a big romance", a respite from the emotional obstacle course of single life in Manhattan — the endless merry-go-round of downtown gallery openings, nightclubs and arty dinner parties which, ironically, have provided rich fodder for the book's 22 tales. "Having a relationship would make working so much easier," she insists. "I really have no desire to run out to 15 clubs every night like some of my characters; I'd just like to stay home and watch TV."

The litany of accolades heaped upon Janowitz could serve as inspiration to any writer presently *starving in* a garret. Until the phenomenal success of *Slaves* she often eeked out an income from grants and prizes, which at least enabled Janowitz (daughter of a psychiatrist and poet) at last to move into a respectable, if over-priced, apartment of her own, with her two coiffed Yorkshire terriers, Beep-Beep and Lulu.

"I always lived in these crumby places," she says, "but it didn't bother me because in my stories I could decorate the apartment with whatever lavish furnishings I wanted to." Since she first took up writing — much against the wishes of her schoolteachers, "who were very negative and told me never to write" — Janowitz appears to have lived somewhat vicariously through her own fables. "I've always felt the outsider, watching everyone else being part of the party."

Tiny, shy, and pretty in an Eastern European way, constantly fidgeting with a mane of black hair which looks like it hasn't had a comb through it since junior school, Janowitz tells how she slipped into relentlessly trendy New York circles via endless not-so-private views at SoHo galleries. "It was the one scene available to me; you didn't have to have been to college with these people or work with them. You just walked in, got given a glass of cheap wine, and chatted."

Janowitz was struggling at this point: "I published my first novel when I was 23 and thought this is easy, you just write a novel and have it published. Then I wrote four more I couldn't get accepted, so I turned to short story *writing*." She sent them to various magazines, prepared for rejections — "that feeling like someone hit you in the stomach. *Really*, you have to be a masochist to be a writer."

'Rejections are like being hit in the stomach, a writer needs to be a masochist'

But editors and readers warmed to her wacky style and cast of refreshingly calamitous characters eccentrically playing out their lives against downtown backdrops, blighted by the familiar, exhausting New York hassles of unaffordable rents, a famine of potential partners and the necessity of keeping up with the mercilessly changing fashions.

The turning point came the first time *New Yorker* published her work. "You get a phone call from an editor to say they've bought your story. It was like a drug, like someone hit me over the head. I was just staggering around all day. And, like, it was amazing how people really noticed that story." After years of invisibility, people wanted to talk to her at parties; she became close to Andy Warhol and his clique. She attends weekly dinner parties at Warhol's, and he plans to turn some of her stories into a movie.

As *Slaves* hit the market to critical acclaim, invitations flooded in to chic and exclusive parties; but, she says, "my stories originally came from slinking into the room. It's alien to me to stand up and say 'look at me I'm just so fabulous'. If people come up to me and say 'I've read your stories,' I still think 'wow'!" She insists that the incessant socializing of which she wrote was never quite her scene anyhow. "If I stay up until 2 am I can't work next day which I hate."

While she waits for her next novel to appear — one of the earlier, unpublished ones "about a cannibal from a primitive island who's invited to New York and accidentally eats his host's wife at a barbecue" — she is spending a year "in motel-like surroundings" as writer-in-residence at Princeton, well away from "the horrendous singles scene in New York". Since the voodoo's magic has worn off, she's thought of signing up with a marriage bureau, to ease the solitude of her writer's existence. "I could always turn *it into a story*."

Josephine Fairley

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Slaves of New York *will be published in Britain on Monday (Picador, £3.50).*

Warming signals

MEDICAL BRIEFING

WINTER SURVIVAL

Hypothermia, defined as a *deep body temperature of* less than 35°C, is only one of the many medical problems which the elderly face in cold weather. Every year between 700 and 1,000 people either die from, or their deaths are related to, hypothermia, but this and the other direct consequence of freezing weather, like fractures, constitute only a small fraction of the total casualty rate in a cold snap.

Dr Kenneth Collins, of *University College hospital*, says his experiments show that cold-induced death is often due to the marked effect of cold on the cardiovascular system. Blood pressure in elderly people rises by an average of 25mm if they are subjected to a temperature of 6°C (43°F); their bodies acclimatize very badly to low temperatures — even after being chilled for four hours a day for ten days they showed little evidence of any *adaptation*.

As the body gets colder, blood pressure rises as a result of vasoconstriction of the peripheral blood vessels so that cerebral haemorrhage, a stroke, may *result*. And *the blood* becomes more viscous and its haemoglobin does not release oxygen so readily to the muscles, including the heart muscle, and the platelets are increased in numbers and clump together more readily, making the blood more likely to clot, causing thrombosis.

Old people are mentally, as well as physically, slower in cold weather. Long before they show the signs of mental confusion associated with hypothermia their intellects are blunted by chilling, so they become slow to take safety measures.

Elderly patients when chilled metabolize drugs differently. They may need to have their doses of beta *blockers, Digoxin, thyroid* and other drugs adjusted. Despite the image of St Bernard dogs serving brandy in the snow, *alcohol* is poorly tolerated in cold weather and even small amounts cause a reduction in the blood sugar

HOW TO SURVIVE

- **Old-fashioned taxi drivers** ***discovered long before*** **scientists that many layers of clothes are much warmer than one thick jacket or pullover.**
- **Many people get cold in bed at night; wear bedsocks and a woollen bed jacket. Heating: if money is a problem, heat one room adequately rather than two inadequately. Cardiac patients' beds should be** ***warmed; sliding between cold*** **sheets can produce vasoconstriction and an attack of angina.**
- **Cars are an often-unsuspected cause of problems: many cardiovascular deaths** ***occur*** **when a patient moves from a warm house to a car which has been left ungaraged all night. No one would recommend that a patient suffering from suspect coronaries would be well advised to sit in a metal container consid*erably colder than the ice box* of a refrigerator, yet that is what a car amounts to early on a cold morning.**
- **People with poor cardiovascular function should avoid violent exercise, and the elderly should** ***not*** **shovel snow; use salt and sand on the paths.**
- **Freezing air, particularly if moist as in a freezing fog, lowers the temperature of the upper respiratory tract; as well as inducing angina it can** ***result in breathing difficulties.*** **Wrap a scarf around the mouth.**
- **The extremities, head, hands and feet, act as conduits through which heat is lost. Hats, preferably ones which cover the ears, should be worn, socks should be thick and boots water tight. Socks, gloves and shoes should not be so tight as to restrict the circulation.**

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Some help at the end of the line

Someone calls a Citizens' Advice Bureau in search of help every second of the day

The Citizens' Advice Bureau in Grantham, Lincolnshire, part of the town's listed 1860s guildhall, is neatly tucked behind a large black statue of the town's ***most famous*** **citizen, Isaac Newton.**

Almost half the inquiries to this mainly rural bureau, part of a national network which handles more than six million calls for help a year, are by telephone. It rings constantly. First, this morning, came a distraught voice wondering if a £100 cheque, given in a burst of enthusiasm to a double glazing demonstrator, could be reclaimed.

Of the 15 mainly middle-aged volunteers in the Grantham bureau only three are men. Consumer complaints form the largest category — ***almost a quarter of the*** **annual total of 4,000 queries. Next come social security and housing.**

"Personal problems are mainly on separation and divorce", said Margaret, a married adviser with grown-up children. "We get about 500 a year. Generally its the women who come, they're from all backgrounds."

Blake, a retired engineer, had been with a client in debt. "I listed the debts and assets ***then calculated how much he*** **could afford for the creditors. In extreme cases people have to sell their houses. It's an appalling shock when we advise getting on the council housing list."**

The next client was incensed over a 14-year-old second-hand car, bought in the dark for £360. The door almost fell off on the way home. He was given the Office of Fair Trading leaflet ***on cars and advised to send a*** **list of faults to the seller.**

Then came a man with a dubious-sounding surname, which he wanted to spare his family; how could he change it legally? A youngster called: her father had stopped committing adultery but her mother had started, did that mean that divorce proceedings could be halted?

A subdued couple in their 30s, the man recently made redundant, could not believe ***they had debts of more than*** **£1,800. They had a mortgage on their £20,000 house, were buying a second-hand car on HP, owed £20 on their credit card, £15 on their shop card and the wife, an agent for a mail order company, had fallen behind with payments.**

When debts, assets and essential outgoings were listed and the income — social security and unemployment benefits and three child allowances apportioned, only £5 a week was left for the creditors, £1 each. The couple decided to get rid of the telephone, cut off the twice ***weekly visit to the pub and*** **stop buying sweets for the children.**

By the end of the morning, 16 queries had been logged, people had been pointed in the right direction. Simple problems ***had*** **been** ***solved;*** **some had been left with loose ends. "Sometimes I feel I haven't done a thing," said Margaret. "Then at the end the client thanks me profusely. Listening's an important part of the service."**

Dympha Byrne

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King Coal's own goal

Arthur Scargill is discovering a hidden cost of the 1984 coal strike. Hinchcliffe's, the chartered surveyors handling the sale of his £30,000 dormer bungalow in Barnsley, tell me it is still unsold though having been on the market since early autumn. A spokesman confesses that the local property market has never fully recovered from the strike. "The uncertainty of the future of the coal industry has resulted in potential house buyers — a large proportion of whom are miners – moving out of the area," he says. Not even the description of Scargill's "extremely attractive" redesigned bungalow "dramatically situated on an elevation" with a "wealth of fittings" can tempt a purchaser. And many who make appointments to visit are more interested in viewing the NUM president than his home. Well, Arthur always said the strike would be "costly and damaging".

● Battersea Arts Centre's January events calendar thanks the sponsors of current events. Fifth on the list: "Guinness Brewing: Fiddler of London Contest."

Ill-timed

As a keen cricket fan known to slip away from his ministerial office to catch a few hours at the Oval, Leon Brittan, the former Home Secretary, underestimated the Aussie bowling performance in the final test. Advance copies of a speech he made in Stockport last night began with the sentence: "Attacking Labour's defence policy is like scoring runs against the *current Australian cricket team*". By the time his speech was delivered, Gatting's men had gone down by 55 runs. Might Labour also prove a tougher nut?

Well connected

Wondered how Derek Hatton managed to appear on *Wogan* this week while the BBC is embroiled in the electricians' strike? The electricians union explained yesterday that their pickets had given him permission to cross the picket line after an amicable exhange outside the Television Theatre. So Del's, if not Tel's, street cred remains intact.

● Least appropriate missive to flop on to a colleague's doormat this week? This, from the Lee Valley Water Company: "Dear Customer, Do you intend to use a sprinkler next summer?"

Sleep of the just

For once I can safely accuse judges of falling asleep on the job. Determined to keep the wheels of justice turning despite the weather, since Tuesday at least ten judges — including, the Recorder of London, James Miskin — have slept overnight at the Old Bailey.

BARRY FANTONI

'The severe weather allowance has arrived but I'm still waiting for the Aids leaflet'

Offbeat

When is a copper not a copper? When he is blowing his trumpet. So discovered Darlington councillor Trevor Adams when he booked the Cleveland police band for a local gala. When rowdies tried to disrupt the fête, Adams marched up to the band leader, dressed in inspector's uniform, and asked his men to drop triangles and intervene. "Nothing to do with us" replied the "inspector", explaining that many of the bandsmen, himself included, were civilians sworn in purely for their musical abilities. "I'm writing to the Home Secretary," fumes Adams. I have *some still more disturbing news* for him: I understand that the Metropolitan police is on the point of adopting an efficiency survey recommendation to make *its* band entirely civilian by 1989.

Weirdies all

Although encouraged by the support shown by the *EastEnders* cast (PHS Jan 14), CND supporter Katherine Cartledge has her doubts about ITV sympathies. She is writing to complain about Central TV's *Inspector Morse*, the first episode of which showed a Stop Trident poster adorning the wall of a heroin addict's room. This week's showed a double *murderer driving a car with a* peace dove sticker in the window. Producer Kenny McBain yesterday proferred apologies. He should watch out: last month Mrs Cartledge won an apology from Thames for mistakenly depicting CND banners at a Vietnam war demo in *Paradise Postponed*.

PHS

Now let's go in for the skill

Rodney Lord sees the continuing fall in unemployment as an opportunity to raise the quality of Britain's workforce

For once ministers are not guilty of hyperbole. The latest unemployment figures make a "hopeful start" to the year. After the false moves of previous years nobody is rushing forward to say that the tide has turned, but that is what it looks like.

December is the fifth month in which the numbers out of work have fallen. In the last four of these the reduction has been over 20,000. Unemployment is now more than 100,000 lower than the peak level in July and below the level of a year ago.

At 3,116,400, seasonally adjusted and excluding school leavers, it is still over 3 million. But the latest figures make existing forecasts about the rate of progress in reducing it further look increasingly pessimistic. The average view of the leading independent forecasters is that by the fourth quarter of this year unemployment will be about 3.08 million. It would take only two more months of the present rate of progress to overtake that. The range of opinions varies from 2.94 million forecast by the National Institute for Economic and Social Research to 3.14 forecast by the London Business School and an average of 3.12 million by analysts in the City. *With the upper end of this* range already overtaken the chance of unemployment dipping below 3 million in the course of this year is increasing.

From the government's point of view the timing could hardly be better. If the downward trend is maintained then by the time of a spring, or still more an autumn, election, ministers will be able to say with some conviction that unemployment, though not conquered, is moving in the right direction. At the present underlying rate of 20,000 off the register each month, unemployment could be below 3 million in time for an autumn election.

By contrast the fall in unemployment is bound to blunt the impact of Labour's £6 billion campaign for jobs which the Shadow Cabinet plans to make a major weapon in the election campaign. Neil Kinnock can of course argue with justification that 100,000 off unemployment of 3.2 million scarcely begins to deal with the problem. But nobody believes that there are magic solutions which will halve un*employment overnight. A promise* to reduce unemployment faster does not have the same force as a promise to turn a rise in unemployment into falling unemployment.

Part of the fall stems from the government's special employment measures which by definition are palliative and temporary. But the reduction has not been achieved by simply paying unemployed people to leave the register and sign on for make-work schemes. Only a quarter of those leaving the register in recent months have joined special employment schemes. The rest have found jobs as economic activity has picked up.

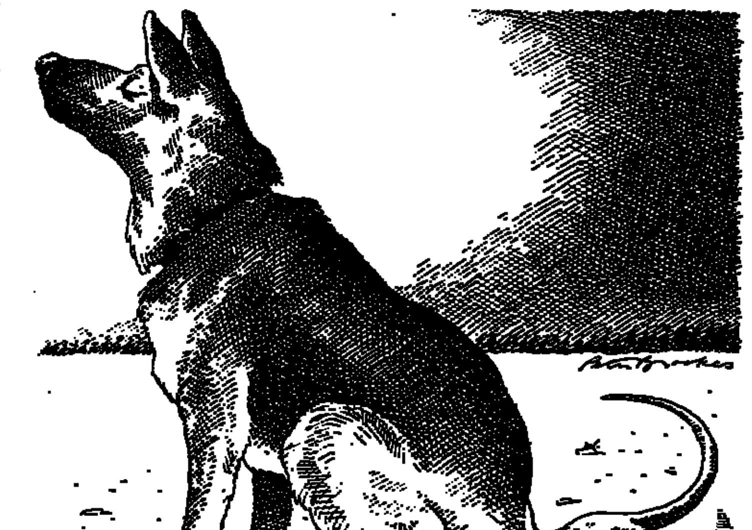
Every month 300,000-400,000 people join the register and the same number, plus or minus a few thousand, leave. The change in unemployment is the balance between people joining those looking for work and others finding it. Recently the balance has begun to move favourably. This is partly because of greater demand at the exit. But it also reflects fewer people coming into the labour *market* crowding the entrance. For most of the 1980s there has been an exceptional increase in the labour force as the baby bulge of the 1960s left school and mothers returned to work. Now, although there is still a continuing small increase in the labour force, the numbers joining are slowing down. As a result the new jobs — more than a million over the past three and a half years — are beginning to be reflected in lower unemployment rather being absorbed by new job-seekers.

Characterizing the special employment measures as make-work schemes is unjust, not least to those who benefit from them. *The Re-start scheme, in particular,* has made an imaginative contribution to fitting those out of work for a variety of opportunities, including the self-help "job clubs".

But the inexorable rise in unemployment has inevitably focused concern on the register and ways of limiting the reproach which each successive month of higher unemployment figures has brought. Not the least of the benefits of a fall in unemployment will be the opportunity to switch the emphasis from ways of limiting unemployment back to ways of increasing employment. Any lasting programme for cutting the numbers without work must concentrate on quality in the workforce — quality of skills and attitudes — not on quantities.

As the election nears, John Ardagh takes a critical look at the German character

A people who live only for themselves



How deep does democracy go in West Germany? Certainly I agree with Bernard Levin (this page, January 12) that the Germans have purged their Nazi past and that in many ways they have good reason to be proud of their country's post-war record, economically and politically. It is today an open, well balanced society, relatively classless and non-elitist; labour relations remain enviously harmonious and citizen and state are protected by a wise constitution, humanely interpreted. The old harsh authoritarianism is in retreat.

Yet, after spending ten months there recently, I am left with vague feelings of disquiet about some aspects of the German sense of community and of morality in public life. Is the rule of law perhaps stronger than the rule of conscience? Is loyalty not too narrowly focused upon trusted friends rather than on fellow citizens as a whole?

The "Flick affair" of the past three years — over the illicit funding of political parties by the Flick industrial group — has led senior ruling politicians to resign and even go on trial for corruption, but it will not cost Chancellor Kohl his election victory (though perhaps it should). It has left a sour taste, however, and it may *have* fostered a certain public cynicism about parliamentary democracy and political leaders — dangerous especially in Germany.

Two other lessons may be drawn from the Flick affair. One, that Germany suffers badly from its lack of a proper capital city: in the artificial little world of Bonn, politicians and bureaucrats live in a kind of vacuum, cut off from the real life of the nation — and this weakens public trust. Two, that when a politician is implicated in a scandal, he does not see it as his moral duty to resign at once, as in Britain, but tries to sit it out and avoid admitting responsibility.

Count Otto Lambsdorff, then finance minister, spent several months in 1983-84 resisting the strong press accusations that he had taken bribes from Flick — until finally he agreed to resign. A less widely known episode occurred at about the same time in Bavaria, when Otto Wiesheu, a senior political associate of Franz Josef Strauss, was charged with drunken driving: full of beer after a party, he had rammed his Mercedes into a small car driven by a Polish Jew, and killed him. Only after a strenuous press campaign against him did he resign from his top CSU party post — and was then found another. And until he was sentenced to prison, Strauss and his other colleagues stood squarely by him in public and cheered him in the *Landtag*. Could this pinpoint a moral flaw in a society that reasons more in legalistic terms than those of private conscience?

Legalism and strict obedience to written rules are, of course, an old German tradition. After 1945 the rule of law was strengthened and clarified to avoid any repetition of the Nazis' exploitation and distortion of this trait. Instinctively, a torrent of new laws was passed directing the citizen on how to be democratic; individually, almost all are liberal and well meant, but cumulatively their impact can be illiberal. They tend to perpetuate a psychology where mindless following of the rules takes precedence over practical common sense.

As a Munich professor suggested to me: "The excess of law can lead to frustration, apathy and a certain disillusion with the process of democracy. Or else it drives people into a French-style attitude of sly evasion of the rules, and this leaves them uneasy. We Germans are temperamentally unsuited to this. We are not Latins."

However, today there are signs that the neurotic German law-abidingness is at last giving way to a great pragmatism. Fewer pedestrians still wait zombie-like for a green light when no traffic is in sight; fewer people officiously mind your own business for you, for example by shouting or honking if you park briefly by a no-parking sign. Among many Greens and other radicals a new *anti*-authority trend has even set in, which can itself carry dangers: but there has also been a general easing of relationships between the public and a petty officialdom now far more benign. The police in particular, once so severe and even brutal, have become more polite and helpful, and more discreet in handling demonstrators.

The writer Hans Magnus Enzensberger agreed with me that one remaining problem concerns the curious hiatus between public and private conceptions of duty and morality — relating to the sharp distinction that a German draws between his warm trusted friends and the rest of society (including neighbours). In a word, towards those he cares for personally he will feel powerful loyalty and obligation, and he will defend them whether innocent or not; those he does not know he will leave to their fate. He has no great sense of community involvement. The best illustration I know is a fictional one, but it rings true: the case of Böll's poor Katharina Blum, viciously hounded by the gutter press for allegedly sheltering a terrorist. Her own few close friends warmly supported her, at some personal cost; other decent citizens joined in the persecution, *beause they did not know her*. (Is this not a sinister relic of the trait that led honest Germans to turn a blind eye when Jewish neighbours were carted off to the camps?)

The same can be seen in German attitudes to the weak or unsuccessful in this success-geared society where failure carries a stigma. Hence all those executives who, if they lose their job, go on pretending to leave for the office each day, for they do not want the neighbours to learn the shameful truth. German popular comedy, unlike Jewish or Italian, has little tradition of sympathizing with the underdog, for Germans do not wish to identify themselves with a loser. Officialdom, on the other hand, does a great deal for the weak: the churches and local councils lavish money and kindly care on homes for the handicapped, which are among Europe's finest. But the individual feels little concern. Even the mildly handicapped tend to be put into institutions rather than integrated into society with their family; and even today a blind or crippled person may not find it easy to get lodgings.

This trait would seem to be a real fear of weakness as something abnormal, offensive to the German desire for order and perfection. An elderly Munich woman recently sued a travel firm for "ruining" her holiday by putting her in the same hotel as a group of spastics — and she won.

This may seem a harsh picture. But what warmly encourages me is that many younger Germans — the post-1968 generations — now think and act quite differently. Young Greens and others sometimes create day nurseries where handicapped and normal children mix. This new caring generation is *rejecting the stiff social formality* and title snobbery of its elders; it is also questioning the German success ethic and work ethic (this could be dangerous, if carried too far), and it is moving away from blind obedience towards greater individual responsibility.

True, some Greens go to excess. Their economic ideas can be absurdly unrealistic and their virulent vendetta against "bourgeois" values is itself tinged with a Germanic extremism. But such Greens are not typical of the new generation as a whole. This month's election may or may not enable the Greens as a party to extend their influence politically: but in any event I am hopeful that younger Germans will continue to *make their country into a kindlier,* more informal, more tolerant and basically more democratic place.

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John Ardagh's Germany and the Germans *will be published by Hamish Hamilton on April 6.*

Profiting from Nimrod's costly lesson

After the government decision to scrap the £1 billion Nimrod early warning system and buy the American Awacs, two Ministry of Defence officials, helped by a member of the government's efficiency unit, began a review of key aspects of equipment procurement procedures. They are expected to recommend that, in future, the high level engineering and scientific input that is required must take place *before* a contract is agreed, to avoid constant changes in specifications.

The Nimrod disaster became a major incentive for a change in policy at the MoD, whose annual equipment budget is about £9 billion. For nearly two years its procurement executive has been trying to transform the cosy relationship with Britain's 100 major defence companies into a properly defined commercial arrangement in which suppliers deliver on time and at cost.

Nimrod is not the only recent *procurement nightmare.* This week it was announced that after 16 years of research and development, the army's new self-propelled howitzer, the SP70 project, to have been produced in collaboration with the Germans and Italians, has been cancelled, costing the British taxpayers another £88 million. Unlike Nimrod, this did not involve advanced technology. It was a case of European collaboration gone wrong.

And a contract with Ferranti to supply their CACS4 command and control system for the new Type 23 frigates, awarded more than a year ago, has been set aside to allow other companies to compete because the Ministry is not happy with the deal.

Peter Levene, who has run the procurement executive since March 1985, having been brought in by the then Defence Secretary, Michael Heseltine, to mastermind his new policy of open competition for contracts, has tried to throw out "the old ways". But, as he told a Commons committee last year, it is like trying to stop a tanker in the ocean at full speed.

There are many other programmes in all three armed services which have the smell of Nimrod about them. For example the Royal Navy's torpedo programme, the heavyweight Tigerfish and Spearfish and the lightweight Sting Ray, which have so far cost £5,000 million, has a lamentable history of technical problems and poor value for money, although all three are now under better control; and the Foxhunter radar for the Tornado strike aircraft, being developed by GEC Avionics, is seriously overrunning in cost and time and is causing great concern.

Levene is convinced that with Nimrod now out of the way, any problems in the future can be dealt with more easily, principally because "we'll be in the driving seat." The SP70 case seems to cast doubt on such optimism.

The big obstacle to overhauling *defence procurement is the long* list of contracts still on a cost-plus basis, where contractors are paid their costs plus a margin for profits whatever happens to the project. Some of the surviving cost-plus contracts have been successfully converted into fixed price or incentive-based arrangements but not all the companies involved have played ball. "Some of the problems we have had recently will continue for some years," said Levene ominously, "because we're locked into the programmes. Short of tearing up the contracts and starting again, which isn't very practical, we have to make the best of what we've got."

Twelve big programmes have overrun in cost by a total of £938 million. They include Sonar 2026, a towed array sonar system for submarines, Ptarmigan, a mobile battlefield communications system, and MCV80, a 24-ton tracked armoured personnel carrier, all of which have remained on a cost-plus basis.

But it is not only the major contracts which have caused problems. After the notorious case of the $1,200 ashtray bought by the Pentagon, MoD officials assured Levene that there were no similar examples here. Then someone produced a radiator cap which had cost "a lot of money" and put it on Levene's desk. There were other examples.

Apart from a few "insignificant" contracts still let on a cost-plus basis, though with a ceiling, the whole thrust of the Levene approach is towards fixed price contracts, awarded through competition. With this tighter regime, even though expensive failures may still occur, at least the era of "gold-plating" should be over.

Recently a contractor told the ministry it had developed a wonderful new system for the main battle tanks now being built by Vickers in Leeds; he was astonished when Vickers showed no interest. But for Levene, it was entirely reassuring, because for the first time the army has new tank orders on a fixed price contract with a fixed delivery date. Vickers was not prepared to consider anything which would either increase the cost or jeopardize the delivery date.

Michael Evans

David Watt

Arms: the great Tory poll hope

The Soviet decision to put Yuli Vorontsov, first deputy foreign minister, at the head of the delegation for the next round of Geneva arms talks may be a sign of serious intent or a screw-tightening propaganda ploy — probably a bit of both. The only way to find out is for the US to put the matter to serious test; but the great question today is whether the Reagan administration will ever be in a position to do so.

There is little time — perhaps six months at the outside — before the congressional holidays and then the onset of the presidential election make rational argument and solid, bipartisan agreement out of the question. The problem here is not what it is usually supposed to be. The President's low credibility after Irangate need not really affect his ability to get serious foreign initiatives past Congress; in fact, by the historic rules of Democratic politics, the best way for an ingenious President to get out of a domestic hole would be to bring off a dramatic coup on the foreign front.

An arms control agreement with Moscow would fill this bill very nicely; American public opinion is broadly in favour of it and the new Democratic Congress, though no doubt finding fault with the details, would hardly dare to oppose it root and branch. In other words President Reagan has a strong incentive to try for a deal.

If desire outruns performance it will be for reasons that have little to do with credibility and much to do with familiar defects in the Reagan style of government, compounded, by the confusion into which Washington has been thrown by the Contra affair. A President who has failed for six years to master the major issues of foreign policy or to insist that his senior cabinet officers and his national security adviser resolve their differences on them would be unlikely to change his capacity or his habits at this stage. When one considers the sheer distraction of Washington at times of crisis like the present — the constant hurried confabulations, the media briefings, the preparation for congressional hearings, the endless stretching of the nerves — it looks doubly improbable.

The official line of optimism is that the new National Security Adviser, Frank Carlucci, will now "pull everything together". This *deus ex machina* is clever, knows his way round Washington and has worked closely in two previous incarnations with Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, whose stubborn suspicion of arms control is one of the main obstacles to the emergence of a unified American position. Given time and an absolutely clear mandate from the President, he might therefore succeed where his extremely lacklustre predecessors have failed (he is the fifth holder of his office in the six years of the administration). Unfortunately he has little of the first and the second remains a doubtful quantity.

What are the European allies to do as they survey this battlefield from far off? They all have pressing reasons for wanting progress on arms control. The prospect of a three-year wait until the next US administration has played itself in is not attractive. For *one thing* nobody can tell how American public opinion will evolve in the meantime. It is interesting and significant that none of the presidential hopefuls for 1988 is taking a strong line on East-West relations — presumably because they do not know whether "peace" or "strength" is the winning ticket. Meanwhile public opinion in every European country except France is still drifting in an anti-nuclear, if not a neutralist, direction. These pressures are still containable — as the result of the German election will no doubt demonstrate — but only, perhaps, because people believe that some kind of agreement is round the corner.

To put the matter at its lowest, everyone would be helped by progress of the kind suggested at Mrs Thatcher's Camp David meeting with the President after the Reykjavik summit — that is a 50 per cent reduction in intermediate range missiles in Europe, and a start on intercontinental missiles and chemical and biological weapons.

If some limited deal on these lines can be made this summer the chief beneficiary would be Mrs Thatcher, who could go to the country in the autumn having completely upstaged Labour's defence policy. Her speeches would more or less write themselves: "great achievement . . . peace through strength . . . my friend the President . . . my friend Mr Gorbachov . . . not at liberty to disclose . . . close co-operation . . . vital British contribution throughout".

The prospect of all this jam accounts for the great importance that Downing Street attaches to Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow early in April. Readers of my interview with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, on New Year's Day will have noticed that he has suddenly put arms control at the top of his agenda, but there are plenty of other signs that a great ballyhoo is going to be made of the Prime Minister's mediatory role. The trouble is that there is really no reason why Gorbachov should give Mrs Thatcher anything except in the context of a wider East-West accommodation; and that, in turn, depends on Ronald Reagan.

The President's forthcoming State of the Union message is billed as the first step towards re-establishing his authority with American public opinion. The European allies will judge him not on the basis of a speech but on his ability to assert himself rapidly within his own administration.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Open a second cold front now

Last Sunday, in the middle of the great freeze, I drove from Cheshire across mid-Wales to Aberystwyth. The next day I drove from Aberystwyth to London. And I have to say that both drives were among the easiest and most pleasant I have ever undertaken, even for an unwilling motorist like myself. The roads were empty, the weather was beautiful, the scenery was splendid and there was not a flake of snow to be seen anywhere.

What made the whole experience so unreal was listening to the radio, which was talking about a *crisis we could not see. Taking* time off only to apply artificial resuscitation to the corpse of *Start the Week with Richard Baker*, the radio bombarded us with gruesome reports of a country brought to a total standstill, of Kent and Essex doomed, of roads which could not be passed even by a leprechaun on a sledge. To listen to the end-of-the-world messages, you might think that the long awaited new ice age had arrived and that we are all now living inside a fridge. The only thing that cast any doubt on this picture was the evidence of my own eyes, which told me that Wales and a lot of England was basking in wintry sunshine and feeling quite deprived of any snow.

The BBC had got it out of proportion for one very simple reason, of course: *London* was under snow. When London and the south east are under snow, the media assumes that the rest of the country is under snow; when the rest of the country is frozen to a halt but London has been spared, the London-based media tend to play the whole thing down as much as they can, or to present icy scenes from the north almost as if they were bringing us pictures from abroad. If Aberystwyth had been snowed in and London basking in sunshine, you can bet your £5 bad weather voucher that it would not have made the news.

But this strange experience revealed *to me one thing which* I had never noticed before, namely that the media report bad weather in exactly the same way as they do a war. The way they talked about Kent and Essex was just the way they talk about occupied territories — the references to roads being blocked, being cleared by all-out action, being littered with abandoned vehicles, all sounded like snippets from the Normandy invasion or the never-ending conflict between Iran and Iraq.

We were heading across free England towards occupied Kent and Essex, where the inhabitants were putting up a terrific resistance though without much hope, it was plain, of keeping the enemy from the rest of the country. Some daredevil trains were getting through; other railway lines had been closed by enemy action. Lines of supply were cut, stores were running short, and people were being advised that their *journey was not really necessary.* Names of casualties were being printed and the Yorkshire police were telling people not to make suicidal sorties across the Pennines against the enemy.

The fact that the enemy was cold, not an army, is the only real difference. It didn't stop arguments in Parliament about the government's lack of rearmament policy. It didn't stop debates about national tactics against the enemy and it didn't stop the British secretly quite enjoying the whole thing, as they always do with a war even when they are losing it, which they normally are until just before the end.

That's the clue to the whole thing, actually; if you see the battle against cold as a war, and remember that we always lose every battle except the last, you can see why we make such a hash every year of the big freeze. An Icelandic chess grandmaster was quoted yesterday in Hastings as saying that it wasn't the weather that upset him here — the weather was quite good by his standards — but the sheer inefficiency of the British in the face of the cold.

It's even worse than he thinks. We are not prepared for extremes of any kind. Iceland may be used to freezing weather and Italy may be able to cope with heat, but Britain, which has an average climate most of the time, is completely thrown by heat, cold, rain, falling leaves, fog, damp, wind and any earthquake over 1 on the Richter Scale. If we ever had to face a real weather disaster I hate to think how we'd manage.

Meanwhile, I hope you all have a nice war. I won't be here to share it with you. Until the temperature goes up appreciably I shall be taking it easy in Reykjavik, where it's nice and warm.

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MARKETS AND MORALITY

The Guinness board has acted decisively to disentangle its future direction from its immediate past. The decision to sack Mr Ernest Saunders is a wise one, not least in the interests of shareholders.

In the market place for alcoholic drinks it should be possible to set past sins aside. In the securities markets no such line can be written under the activities that have dominated the headlines this week.

The debate about the abuses that have grown up in the takeover industry must continue. It must lead to, at minimum, better management control of employees operating in sensitive areas and preferably to a thorough reexamination of how the moral climate in the City has changed under the pressure of competition.

In the recent revelations there has been a common theme, the abandonment of moral codes of behaviour in favour of the most legalistic interpretation of legal rules. There are issues here that go beyond the market for companies as well as beyond the market for drinks. In the run-up to the general election the consequences of of what may loosely be termed the Guinness affair have only just begun.

Somewhat belatedly, opposition parties have realised that the association of the Conservative party with the City provides them with powerful ammunition against Mrs Thatcher's administration. In terms of specific measures to protect investors from abuse and ensure clean competitive markets, the Government's record stands up well. The series of measures culminating in the Financial Services Act, which has yet to come into full operation, have already proved powerful tools both in bringing abuses more swiftly to light and in enabling more stringent investigation.

Apart from the regulation of Lloyd's — which will return to the spotlight with publication of the Neill report next week — the only weakness so far exposed lies in the City Takeover Code and its application. These must now be reviewed and tied in more closely with the system of supervised self-regulation set up under the Act. The Labour Party's promise of regulation from Whitehall would make little practical difference except to transfer the cost to the taxpayer.

The most fertile ground for the Opposition lies in the deep-seated suspicions of the institutionalized takeover industry itself, the feeling that necessary takeovers take away jobs and that unnecessary takeovers damage industrial investment and research too. The case for takeovers that do not damage competition is that they provide a market mechanism for improving efficiency, competitiveness and the necessary restructuring of industry. But if the takeover mechanism appears to owe as much to share price manipulation as to the theoretical free play of market forces, then a public which is perennially distrustful of the arrogance of finance is unlikely to be convinced.

The Labour Party offers an easy response. It wants takeovers to be entirely under Whitehall control and discretion. It is not against mergers in themselves. It has a chequered history of sponsoring large combines, not least through the process of nationalization. It simply wishes to substitute political judgment for that of the market.

That would be highly damaging in itself and a precedent for the old socialist folly of trying to replace the market with planning. The Government has, however, now become identified with the equally untenable position that everything can be left to the markets.

Certainly, the free operation of market forces, where permitted, has proved as generally beneficent in raising living standards as Adam Smith analysed and predicted 210 years ago. But free markets cannot be invested with the robe of moral virtue any more than they can be dismissed as evil, heartless or uncaring.

They are simply part of the natural order like the sea or the seasons and likewise have no moral dimension. That must be provided either by the personal morality and sense of community of the people who operate in the markets or by the regulation under which they work.

Just at the moment when the Government is trying to unwind generations of stifling interference, many of those who operate in the financial markets have — often reluctantly — retreated to a position that the individual has no place in making any judgment on market forces provided that he stays within the rules. Court judgments over the role of trustees have reinforced this view that individuals should act as amoral economic man, leaving to the State any questions of morality, the effects on people and industry and that controversial concept, the national interest itself.

This thinking is short-sighted and self-defeating. It invites state interference that is likely to undermine the benefits of free markets. It also betrays a misunderstanding of individualism and economic freedom. The answer is not for the state to resume bureaucratic control but for the leaders of finance to reassert the role of individual moral judgment and social responsibility which comes naturally to most of them.

Institutional investors in the City are best placed to lead such a trend, since they combine power with direct responsibility for the affairs of millions of ordinary people. Individually, some have already made their views well known, although some collective agreement may be needed to avoid fears that those who heed their consciences might lose in the competitive battle.

A MORE MODEST PEACE PROCESS

Mr Elliott Abrams, US Assistant Secretary of State, appealed this week for more backing from Western Europe for his country's policies in Central America. Washington would like the Europeans, among other things, to aid more, and trade more with, the region's struggling democracies.

His call for stronger European participation (of whatever kind) in Central America, has come at an interesting time. President Reagan's own Contra strategy in Nicaragua, after being weakened by the Democrats' successes in November's Congressional elections, now is almost moribund following the Irangate controversy.

On the other hand, there has been a recent flurry of diplomatic activity. Last week for instance saw talks in Miami about fresh peace proposals for the region from Costa Rica and Guatemala. Shortly beforehand, Sir Geoffrey Howe, during his visits to Colombia and Mexico (and his meeting with Mr Shultz in Bermuda) repeated British and European support for the kind of negotiated peace sought by the so-called Contadora powers — Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama. Were there then any hints in these meetings and declarations, of what is likely to fill the present vacuum in Central American affairs?

However valid its objectives remain, the original Contadora process is unlikely to regain the initiative it seized in 1983. Domestic circumstances have changed within those republics, and their energies have been consumed elsewhere. What seems more likely is that the vacuum will be filled by the Central Americans themselves.

The present Costa Rican initiative contrasts, for instance, with that country's refusal last year to participate in regional discussions. The involvement of Guatemala is also significant, emphasizing Guatemala's desire to end three decades of isolation under military rule. Its new policy of "active neutrality" actually enjoys the support of the military themselves, who remain the most effective, though not the largest, armed forces in the region. It may be concluded, therefore, that even local military leaders are now capable of thinking in terms of a negotiated peace.

This was already apparent in last November's meeting of the Central American Defence Agreement (CONDECA) in Panama. Panamanian, Honduran and Guatemalan soldiers are prepared to consider moving forward through modest bilateral agreements. These may lack the glamour of a Contadora *acuerdo general*. But such agreements have the advantage of being precise and practical — and of being negotiated by Central Americans themselves.

It remains to be seen what can be done in the immediate future about relations between the United States and Nicaragua. The US blockade and its support of the Contras may have reduced Nicaragua's support for insurrection in El Salvador and checked the Sandanistas' ambitions to be the vanguard of a Central American revolution.

Nicaragua has paid a heavy cost and does not present an attractive model to its neighbours. But most guerilla offensives in Latin America enjoy diminishing returns, and the Contras are no exception. Nicaragua has already learned to live with them. Meanwhile direct US intervention in Nicaragua looks unlikely.

And so we turn to Europe role in promoting a *modus vivendi*. President Arias of Costa Rica has already called for European support. Mr Abrams' appeal, albeit from a differing perspective, now comes a month before EEC foreign ministers are due to meet their counterparts from six Latin American states in Guatemala to examine the progress of the EEC-Central American Co-operation Agreement. That could be the occasion for new ideas to emerge.

The recent renewal of diplomatic relations between Britain and Guatemala, together with the Foreign Secretary's careful judgement of Central American issues, place this country in a particularly promising position. It is one from which it should be able at least to direct support to those within the region who are engaged in the search for realistic peace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chilling thoughts on winter ills

From Mrs Pamela Duveen

Sir, In your leading article, "Cold and the old" (January 13), you make the point that expenditure on supplementary heating addition has increased by £140million in constant prices since 1979-80 to £400million today. What you have not mentioned is the steep increase in fuel costs over the same period, some 114 per cent as against an increase of 86 per cent in the retail price index.

Looking through my old quarterly bills I see that in June, 1980, the London Electricity Board were charging 3.5p per unit and 1.9p per unit for off-peak electricity, as against 5.69 and 2.9 in December, 1986. At the same time standing charges increased from 76p and £4.45 to £2 and £8.20.

Perhaps Sid should be told that gas has not fared much better. In March, 1980, the cost per therm was 22p; in December, 1986, 38p. Here the standing charge has not just doubled but quadrupled from £2.16 to £8.90. When the number of people dependent on supplementary benefit has gone up from 4,373,000 in 1979 to 7,729,000 in 1984 — the most up-to-date figure I could obtain — there is nothing surprising in the rise in expenditure.

It is worrying to reflect that if privatised gas continues to increase charges and at the same time make huge profits taxpayers, in having to meet ever-increasing costs of heating additions (assuming the number on supplementary benefit shows no dramatic fall), will in effect be subsidising the shareholders. I would be happier if I thought it was the cold and the old who were getting my money.

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA DUVEEN,
3 Verulam Buildings,
Grays Inn, WC1.
January 14.

From Dr Peter Vincent

Sir, There have been varied criticisms of the Government's severe weather payments scheme to pensioners on supplementary benefit. As a geographer I have one further criticism to make which has not so far been brought into the debate.

The relevant question to ask is which meteorological stations will the DHSS offices use? In my own neck of the woods I was appalled to discover that the Pennine villages of Alston and Nenthead came under the jurisdiction of the Penrith DHSS office and hence severe weather payments would be triggered by measurements made at Carlisle, some 300m lower in altitude and nearer the sea.

If we assume the rate at which air cools with altitude to be 0.7 deg C per 100m, the -1.5 deg C payment threshold would actually be passed in Alston when Carlisle's average is some 2.1 deg C higher!

Surely the DHSS is aware of the severity of the climate in the northern Pennines. If not, let me remind them that on August 30, 1885, the temperature actually fell to -2.8 deg C in Alston.

In the very varied topography of northern England it is totally ridiculous of the DHSS to rely on a sparse network of essentially coastal weather stations. Perhaps this is yet one more indicator of the North-South divide.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. VINCENT,
University of Lancaster,
Department of Geography,
Lancaster.
January 13.

From Mr John Wilson

Sir, I was a little intrigued to read (January 12) that the mercury in Siberia has plunged to -60 deg C.

I wonder if Christopher Walker realises the significance of his discovery? Here in Britain we can't get the mercury much below about -39 deg C before it freezes solid.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WILSON,
BBC External Services,
PO Box 76,
Bush House, Strand, WC2.

From Mr J. K. Roberts

Sir, Why does cold weather always reach *The Times* in "snaps" but warm weather in "waves"?

Yours faithfully,
J. K. ROBERTS,
The Old Nursery,
Easton, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

From the inside

From the Chairman of the Wider Share Ownership Council

Sir, Insider trading arises very largely from the development of the takeover industry, but the objections to contested takeover bids are not by any means confined to the opportunities they offer for insider trading.

In addition, they distract management from its proper tasks, inhibit productive investment, research and development, create manifest conflicts of interest between directors and shareholders and waste enormous sums of money.

Most seriously of all, perhaps, they create the impression that the City is nothing better than a jungle where predators are disregarded. This is something to which a government committed to wider share ownership and people's capitalism can hardly be indifferent.

Those who are content with the present situation maintain that in spite of these numerous and formidable objections the activities of corporate predators must not be curtailed because it is only through takeover bids or the threat of them that the quality of management can be raised.

There are, however, other methods which may be employed and other organisations which seem to employ them. Perhaps there are lessons which British industry could learn from the Football League, whose clubs certainly appear to have no problem in exercising authority over their managers.

Yours faithfully,
EDGAR PALAMOUNTAIN,
Chairman,
Wider Share Ownership Council,
94 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4.

Rewards for toil

From his Honour Donald Sumner, QC

Sir, It is difficult to understand what Dr Hutchings (January 8) has to worry about upon finding that his daughter can earn £50 per week in a part-time job during her college vacation and collect £50 profit on British Gas, both in order to pay for a winter holiday.

He asks what conclusions young people are to draw from such experiences: presumably that, if one is thrifty (or parents are on one's behalf) and invests the proceeds wisely and is prepared to work, one may also enjoy leisure.

May an old man ask what is wrong with that, or any other story of enterprise and effort bringing its own reward?

Yours truly,
DONALD SUMNER,
Duxbury,
Church Hill,
High Halden,
Ashford, Kent.
January 8.

From Mr Eric A. Jensen

Sir, Full marks to Dr Hutchings's daughter for apparently not expecting daddy to pay for her holiday. But was her winter holiday strictly necessary? And maybe she has learnt that risk and profit are linked: a most valuable lesson. An added bonus is that she has experienced what work in a restaurant involves.

Sincerely,
ERIC A. JENSEN,
6 Attree Drive,
Queen's Park,
Brighton, Sussex.
January 8.

Opting out

From Mr R. W. Heathcote

Sir, In reply to an enquiry I have just received from the London Borough of Bexley a letter giving a few details of a proposed new road. The last paragraph reads:

> The replies are given on the distinct understanding that the council does not warrant the accuracy of any of the replies and on the basis that neither the council nor any officer, servant or agent of the council is legally responsible, either in contract or in tort, for any inaccuracies, errors or omissions herein contained whether arising from inadvertence or from any other cause whatsoever.

Set prominently at the top of this letter is the council's crest, beneath which is the motto "Boldly and Rightly".

Yours faithfully,
R. W. HEATHCOTE,
Upper Cumberland Walk,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Firm in the saddle

From Mr W. F. Cater

Sir, Had Dr Beal's Thracian goddess confidently riding a tiger in the side-saddle position (letter, January 13) perhaps benefited from long practice? A goddess similarly mounted adorned the grass wall of a fishermen's shrine I visited in the Sundarbans of Bangladesh.

Both she and the tiger in this version, however, looked uncomfortable. Were they apprehensive at the prospect of the long ride to Thrace? Or had they just arrived *from* Thrace, somewhat saddle-sore?

Yours faithfully,
W. F. CATER,
28 Capstan Square, E14.

Looking askance at education

From Mr Christopher Wade

Sir, Mr Baker now states (report, January 10) that we need a national curriculum as the solution to our perceived educational ills. He may well be right; the eccentric doings of a few inner-city councils have made it an appealing thing to say and the over-politicisation of education, for which his party is as responsible as any other, has resulted in current provision being varied in nature and patchy in quality.

He looks approvingly at education in continental Europe, particularly West Germany, and so he should. There is no comparison. German school buildings are adequate and are well maintained; equipment, capitation and staffing levels are more generous; above all, teachers are treated as professionals, given decent conditions of service, and are properly paid. Until these things happen in this country all the rest is hot air, and Mr Baker knows it.

The salary scales quoted in your leading article (January 10) may look reasonable, but they will not attract graduate mathematicians, scientists, and technologists, especially when it is proposed, after this "one-off" solution, to take future negotiating rights from them. In any case, why join a profession which the Government has methodically undermined over the past five years, and why join a system where it appears that a main priority is to facilitate the opting out of able or wealthy pupils?

There is no more important job in the world than the education of young people and no more urgent priority for a nation looking to its cultural and economic future. I wish I was convinced that Mr Baker thought so too.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER WADE
(Headmaster, Bramston School, Witham),
22 The Colliers,
Heybridge Basin,
Maldon,
Essex.
January 10.

From Mr Geoffrey Brace

Sir, May we expect Mr Kenneth Baker's new-found enthusiasm for the French and German educational systems to extend a) to their rates of pay and b) to their attitude to teachers' duties outside the classroom; namely, that they have none?

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY BRACE,
2 Ash Cottages,
Fenny Bridges,
Honiton, Devon.
January 10.

The evil that men do

From Mr Jesse T. Wickham

Sir, Yet once again Frank Longford, in his protestations (January 13) on behalf of Myra Hindley, has conveniently forgotten those young helpless children whose "ability to live a normal life" was brutally taken from them and the anguish occasioned by their loss which is forever present with their next of kin.

Yours etc,
JESSE T. WICKHAM,
61(b) Frogmore Lane,
Lovedean,
Portsmouth, Hampshire.
January 13.

Austria and the Nazis

From the Ambassador of Austria

Sir, In his article, "The goosestep is dead: long live the phoenix" (January 12), Mr Bernard Levin alleges that, unlike Germany, Austria never even started to pursue the tattered remnants of Nazi war criminals.

To set the record straight, I would like to point out that immediately after the war and under the close supervision of the four Allied Powers the Austrian Parliament unanimously enacted legislation concerning the prosecution of war criminals, measures for de-nazification, as well as a ban on Nazi or neo-Nazi activities.

Under these laws investigations were ordered against 130,000 persons which led to 23,000 court proceedings ending in 13,000 convictions. Of 43 death sentences 30 were carried out. More than 100,000 persons were expelled from the Civil Service on grounds of collaboration with the Nazi regime.

One might argue about the extent or the rate of success of these measures, but to deny or ignore them is simply unjustified.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD THOMAS,
Austrian Embassy,
18 Belgrave Mews West, SW1.
January 12.

Macmillan succession

From Professor A. W. Bradley

Sir, Lord Campbell of Croy, in his letter (January 8), states that in the telephone consultation by the Whips of Conservative MPs during October, 1963, "The first and main question to be put was, who was the MP's personal choice?" He also records that Martin Redmayne informed the Whips, when the results had been collected, that Lord Home had received the most support.

In or about 1965, the late Sir Knox Cunningham, MP, who was from 1959 to 1963 Parliamentary Private Secretary to Macmillan, gave an account of the consultation process to a meeting of an undergraduate society in Cambridge at which I was present.

According to Sir Knox, the extraordinary level of excitement and uncertainty that had arisen within the Conservative Party as a result of Macmillan's intended resignation made it necessary for the attempt to be made, supervised by Macmillan himself, to introduce order into the chaos. Steps were taken to discover the opinion of the party within four main groups: Cabinet ministers, MPs, peers and representatives of the constituency associations.

Those who undertook the process of consultation were to ask three questions. First, who would the individual most like to succeed Macmillan? Second, who would be the second choice? Third, who among the contenders would the individual least like to see as Prime Minister?

Sir Knox further stated that from the answers to these three questions given within the four sections of the party, it was clear that Lord Home's name should be communicated to the Queen.

If this account is reliable, and it supports a report by your own Political Correspondent published in *The Times* of October 16, 1963, it may help to resolve some of the discrepancies revealed in the current correspondence. It confirms what is not at all improbable, that account was taken both of the positive and the negative standing that the various contenders enjoyed within the party.

What we cannot know is whether, in the exigencies of the impoverished consultation process, the three questions were in all cases posed without refinement, distortion or the suggestion of names by the questioners.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. BRADLEY (Editor, *Public Law*),
9 Albert Terrace, Edinburgh.
January 9.

French sale time

From Mr A. L. Latham-Koenig

Sir, I read with interest Iain Carson's excellent article on French privatisation ("Sale time — and France has the biggest", January 8) but would like to take issue with him on a few points.

1. The trial of strength of Mrs Thatcher with the NUM, which had brought down Mr Heath's government, can in no way be compared with Chirac's current tussle with public-sector unions. The unionisation percentage in France is only 15 per cent, as against some 50 per cent in Britain, and French unions have not therefore the financial muscle to sustain a long-drawn fight.

2. In addition to the reasons given by Mr Carson for the privatisation of financial institutions, there is the major fact that 75 per cent of all loans and deposits in France were State-controlled and the Government could thus exercise tremendous pressure on private-sector firms. Privatisation of credit was therefore a *sine qua non*.

3. Mr Carson says that one of Chirac's weapons for facilitating the Bourse's absorption of the privatisation programme is "to price the issue low enough to attract people looking for a quick gain". This may not be so easy since the Constitutional Council has ruled that no State property should be transferred to the private sector "at a price which does not exceed or at least equal the evaluation made by the Commission on Privatisation".

Yours faithfully,
A. L. KOENIG,
16a Adamson Road, NW3.

Aids and morals

From Professor A. P. M. Coxon

Sir, It may be gratifying to learn that in a recent MORI poll (report, January 1) a high fraction of those asked expressed the intention to change their sexual behaviour under the impact of Aids. Unfortunately, such intentions cannot be taken to betoken any actual change.

Our over-time study of the adoption of condoms by non-heterosexual males shows that the decision is often situational (depending on who the partner is) and frequently fragile (in the sense that initial adoption by no means implies perseverance). More regrettably, the decision is also sometimes ill-informed (in that water-based lubricants are not used, in part because the present campaign has chosen to ignore this crucial addition to the advice to wear a condom).

Consequently I am less sanguine than you, Sir, about the campaign having the required effect, and less than convinced that opinion statements mean anything more than pious compliance with an expected response.

There is evidence, outside the UK, that heterosexuals are less likely to change their sexual habits and persist in that change than homosexuals, so there is more — not less — need to speak candidly and openly on the matter.

Yours faithfully,
A. P. M. COXON, Director,
Social Research Unit,
University College, Cardiff.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 16 1922

The Southern Parliament of Ireland (set up in 1920) at its sole meeting approved the December, 1921 treaty with Britain. The Irish Free State was formally constituted in December, 1922. Until April, 1923 the country was in the throes of a civil war between factions for and against the treaty; during it Michael Collins and other leaders were killed

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IRISH TREATY RATIFIED.

"FAIR PLAY ALL ROUND."

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

DUBLIN, Jan. 16.

The Irish Free State lives and has its being. It was called into existence to-day at a meeting of elected members of the Southern Parliament convened by President Griffith as chairman of the Irish Delegation of Plenipotentiaries and "in pursuance to Clauses 17 and 18 of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland signed in London on December 6, 1921." In less than an hour the Treaty was unanimously approved by the members present, a Provisional Government was appointed, the roll was called and signed, the minutes of the meetings were read and confirmed — and what will probably be the last meeting of members of the Southern Parliament was at an end.

The members of the Provisional Government are:-

Mr. M. Collins	Mr. F. Lynch
Mr. W. Cosgrave	Mr. J. McGrath
Mr. E. J. Duggan	Mr. J. McNeill
Mr. P. Hogan	Mr. K. O'Higgins

The absence of the name of Mr. Griffith came as a surprise, and was the subject of much comment and speculation. By some it was said to be an astute move by which Mr. Griffith could escape from the dilemma which Mr. de Valera predicted for him of finding himself in the impossible position of being both President of the Irish Republic and also of a new Government pledged to destroy the Republic. In other quarters the view is expressed that, although the Provincial Government is, in effect, a Committee of Public Safety, appointed to carry out a common and definite object, and therefore not a Cabinet of Ministers with portfolios, yet it is as much responsible to the President as a Cabinet would be. The Provisional Government is charged with carrying out the terms of the Treaty and the taking over of the powers and machinery hitherto held by the British Government in Ireland. When this work has been completed, it is understood, Dail Eireann will be dissolved and the Dail Cabinet will decree a General Election for the first Parliament of the Irish Free State.

THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

The task with which the new Government is confronted is heavy, and beset with many difficulties. That Mr. Griffith recognised in a short but effective speech, but he declared that with the help and support of all classes in Ireland he was confident that they would carry it through successfully. Speaking with a frankness and sincerity which won the confidence of all who heard him, he declared:— "I am sure that in making and carrying out this arrangement the Provisional Government will regard no distinction between Irishmen, and every guarantee will be made for fair play all round." Warm and sympathetic applause greeted him when he added, "We are starting on a new era, and we want the old differences that existed between sections of Irishmen to be banished for ever." These generous sentiments draw from Professor W. E. Thrift a spontaneous and immediate response. Springing to his feet and speaking with emotion, he accepted Mr. Griffith's words in the spirit in which they were uttered. With the other representatives of Trinity College seated beside him, he declared that he for one was ready to do his best to make this measure the success they hoped it would be for their country. "Putting aside differences of opinion," he declared, "we stand on one common basis and are ready to work for the prosperity of the country as a whole."

The lively satisfaction to which, these mutual protestations for cordial cooperation gave rise was intensified when at the end of the proceedings the President shook hands heartily with the four members for Trinity College. It was indeed the one dramatic and significant incident in extremely formal and very businesslike proceedings, for surely no parish council has been inaugurated with less ceremony and circumstance than that which attended the setting up of the Provisional Government of the Irish Free State. The proceedings to-day were indeed a striking contrast to the interminable debates in the Dail. It is true that every one of the 65 members present was well disposed to the Treaty, for Mr. de Valera and his intransigent extremists had decided that they could best serve their own cause by staying away . . .

Words to the wise

From Mr Simon Cave

Sir, Our new year visit to the Balearics indicates beyond all doubt that Spanish bank cash-dispenser manufacturers, at least, are fully alive to the potential shortcomings of their electronic ironmongery.

On insertion of one's Eurocard, the English section of the multilingual display advises, "Control your language".

Yours, guardedly,
SIMON CAVE,
3 Model Cottages,
East Sheen, SW14.
January 7.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 15: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, this morning visited their Headquarters at St James's Walk, London, EC1 and the Peel Centre at 33 Lloyd Baker Street, WC1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, this evening attended the première of the film *Short Circuit*, in aid of Help the Aged, at the Leicester Square Theatre.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson were in attendance.

January 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Patron, this evening attended a performance of *The Nutcracker* by the London Festival Ballet at *the Royal Festival Hall*.

Her Royal Highness later attended a Ball held in aid of the Company's Development Fund.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 15: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, was Guest of Honour this evening at the 75th Anniversary Banquet of BEAMA at Guildhall, London EC2.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jon Bradshaw will be held at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, at noon on Tuesday, January 20.

Birthdays today

Mr Colin Banks, 55; Sir Alastair *Blair*, 79; *Air Marshal Sir Robert* Craven, 71; Sir Robin Dunn, 69; Professor J.E. Enderby, 56; Professor Sir Peter Hirsch, 62; Professor A.M. Hunter, 81; Miss Nadine Peppard, 65; Mr K.H. Shackleton, 64; Professor Sir Frederick Stewart, 71; Lord Thomson of Monifieth, 66; Mr Cliff Thorburn, 39; Lady Vaizey, 49; Professor Sir William Wade, QC, 69; Mr Michael White, 51.

Luncheon

Lunchtime Comment Club
Mr S. John Holt, Chairman of the Lunchtime Comment Club, presided at a luncheon held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Major-General Patrick MacLellan was the guest speaker.

Dinners

Royal College of Radiologists
Professor E. Rhys Davies, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, and officers of the college entertained at dinner last night at 38 Portland Place the speakers at their symposium on screening for disease.

De Groot Collis
The Partners of De Groot Collis gave a dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night to mark the retirement of Mr Jack Collis after thirty-five years as a partner. Mr *Richard Domb, senior partner*, presided and Mr Ralph De Groot also spoke.

Memorial service

Mr H. Thomas
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Howard Thomas was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Canon Peter Ball, Chaplain to Thames Television, and the Rev Stephen Roberts officiated. Mr *Hugh Dundas*, Chairman of Thames Television, read the lesson and Miss Diana Rigg read from *With an Independent Air*, by Howard Thomas. Mr Joe Loss, Dame Vera Lynn, Mr Brian Tesler, Chief Executive of London Weekend Television, Mr Eamonn Andrews, and Sir Gordon Newton gave addresses.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs James Lynch was christened Lucy Anna Randall by Canon Edwyn Young at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Friday, January 9, 1987. The godparents are Mr Philip Lawless, Mrs Annabel Hussey, and Mrs Rosemary Ann Ricker.

Latest wills

Professor Raymond Charlez Smail, of Willingham, Cambridgeshire, former senior tutor and fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and a distinguished medieval historian, left estate valued at £177,440 net.

Mrs Lilian Carrie Rose Dennis, of Clare, Suffolk, left £1,702,112 net.

Mr John Dyson Hoyle, of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, chartered accountant, left £1,244,963 net.

Mr Jan Posner, of Woodford Green, Essex, chairman of Sealink, 1970-74, left £246,037 net.

Bryan, Mr John Malcolm, of London SW3 .... £354,941

Royal Astronomical Society

The Royal Astronomical Society has made the following awards for 1987:

Gold Medals: Professor M.J. Rees, of Cambridge, in recognition of his many contributions to research in theoretical astronomy and cosmology and for his stimulation and encouragement of the work of others; and Professor T. Nagata, of Tokyo, in recognition of a lifetime's outstanding work on geomagnetism.

The Eddington Medal: Professor B. *Paczynski, of Warsaw, in recognition* of his major contributions to stellar evolution, particularly in interacting binary stars.

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College head to retire

Sir Geoffrey Warnock, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University from 1981 to 1985, is to retire in August next year after 17 years as Principal of Hertford College, Oxford. Sir Geoffrey, whose career at Oxford University spans 43 years, broken only by brief appointments in the United States, said he would miss university life but was looking forward to "pottering about in retirement" at his home in Marlborough, Wiltshire.

"I think it is the right time to go," he said. "I hope I have helped to make Hertford College a better place academically." Sir Geoffrey, aged 63, who was knighted last year, is married to Baroness Warnock, Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge.

Introduction of the Duke of York

The Duke of York will be introduced to the House of Lords on Wednesday, February 11, 1987. Admission on that day to all galleries of the House of Lords will be by special admission card until about 3.30 pm. Approximately forty five places will be available for members of the public. Individual applications for these places should be addressed to Black Rod's Office, House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PA, by Wednesday, January 21, 1987. Successful applicants will be *issued with an admission card*: no other acknowledgements will be made.

African tour for Prince

The Prince of Wales will visit Swaziland, Malawi and Kenya from March 27 to April 2 and will be meeting the heads of state in each country.

The Prince, as a director of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, will visit corporation offices and projects and, as president of United World Colleges, will inaugurate the colleges' twenty-fifth anniversary in Swaziland.

Church news

Scottish Episcopal Church

Appointments

The Rev A W Cummins, curate, St Mary's, Broughty Ferry (Brechin), to be priest-in-charge, St Ninian's, Mid-Craigie, Dundee (Brechin).

The Rev Dr R M Gill, priest-in-charge, Ford (Newcastle), lecturer in Christian Ethics and Dean of New College, Edinburgh University, to be priest-in-charge (non-stipendiary), St Mary and All Souls, Coldstream (Edinburgh).

The Rev S P M Maitland to be Deacon (non-stipendiary) at St George's, Maryhill, Glasgow.

The Rev D McCubbin, Rector of St Bride's, Glasgow, to be Provost of the Cathedral of The Isles, Millport (Argyll).

The Rev B M Crowther-Alwyn, Rector of St John's, Baillieston and St Serf's, Shettleston (Glasgow and Galloway), to be Rector of Bassingham Group of Parishes (Lincoln).

The Rev R A Hanson, Rector of Holy Trinity, Paisley (Glasgow and Galloway) to St Andrew's, Walsall (Lichfield).

Resignation

The Rev M D G C Ryan has resigned his appointment as priest-in-charge from St Mary and All Souls, Coldstream (Edinburgh).

Corporation of London

Mrs Deputy Edwina Coven has been elected Chief Commoner for the Corporation of London for two years. She is the first woman Chief Commoner.

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Seventeen girls from the Camden School for Girls in north London rehearsing yesterday with Sir David Lumsden, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, for the British Federation of Young Choirs Singing Day at Fairfield Hall, Croydon, on Sunday, February 1. Nearly a thousand young people will be singing together (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.N.J. Bell
and Miss J.K.A. Fraser
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr H.N. Bell, of Clevedon, and Mrs A. Bell, of Dublin, and Julia, only daughter of Mr A. Fraser, of Bahrain, and Mrs B. Reid, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr R.L. Blatt
and Miss C.E. LeBlanc
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mrs M.G.B. Blatt and the late Mr B.L.G. Blatt, of Chicago, Illinois, and Carolyn Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs DeNux LeBlanc, of Glenview, Illinois.

Mr S.J. Carey
and Miss K.A. Baker
The engagement is announced between Stephen James, son of Mr and Mrs D.F. Carey, of Lovington, Castle Cary, Somerset, and Katharine Anne, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs J.A. Baker, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr C.C. Crouch
and Miss P.J.H. Curtis
The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of Mr and Mrs F.H.A. Crouch, of Little Ness, Shropshire, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Curtis, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr M.G.W. Dennis
and Miss M.S. Molesworth
The engagement is announced between Martin Gerald Wesley, eldest son of Mr J.G.W. Dennis, of Malaga, Spain, and Mrs M. Dennis, of Victoria, Canada, and Melanie Susan, second daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs D.W. Molesworth, of 37 Lacy Drive, Wimborne, Dorset.

Mr A.S.J. Duncan
and Miss K.C. Miller
The engagement is announced between Angus Duncan, Queen's Own Highlanders, son of Colonel and Mrs A.S. Duncan, of Putney, London, and Katharine, daughter of the Rev J.S.C. and Mrs Miller, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr J.A. Dunne
and Miss J.P. Malho
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.A. Dunne, of Old Woodbury House, Tetworth, Sandy, and Jenny Paula, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S.G. Malho, of the Hotel Atlantis, Madeira.

Captain N.G.T. Polley
and Miss C.A.L. Mousley
The engagement is announced between Neil Polley, 14th/20th King's Hussars, elder son of Colonel and Mrs James Polley, of Grantsfield, Leominster, Herefordshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moulsey, of Stanford House, Pirbright, Surrey.

Mr A.N.R. Fleming
and Miss L.J. May Somerville
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Malcolm Fleming, of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael May Somerville, of Lamerton, Devon.

Lieutenant K.R. Godfrey, RN,
and Miss C.J. Yeatman
The engagement is announced between Kim, only son of Dr D.G. Godfrey, of Wedmore, Somerset, and Mrs B.M. Godfrey, of Farncombe, Surrey, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Yeatman, of Denmead, Hampshire.

Mr I.R. Quinn
and Miss A.P. Goulding
The engagement is announced *between Ian Robert, elder son of* Mr and Mrs Robert Quinn, of Knowsley Village, Merseyside, and Antonia Paris, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Goulding, of Prescot, Merseyside.

Mr C.M.J. Isaac
and Miss B.M.V. Walder
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Mr J.D. Isaac and Mrs S.E. Isaac, of Little Hadham, *Hertfordshire, and Bernadette*, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Walder, of Lewis, Sussex.

Mr D.G. Jones
and Miss S.C. Thomas
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Dr and Mrs S. Glyn Jones, of Silsden, West Yorkshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Arnold Thomas, of Oswaldkirk, North Yorkshire.

Dr M.E. Lavis
and Dr H.M. Tomlinson
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs F.S.M. Lavis, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Tomlinson, of Dudley, West Midlands.

Mr I.S. Lawrence
and Miss M.M. Ballantine
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Michael Lawrence, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Ballantine, of Flichity House, by Inverness.

Professor D. Loades
and Mrs J. Atkins
The marriage will take place in Bangor, Gwynedd, on April 11, 1987, between David Loades, of the University College of North Wales and Judith Atkins, of Oxford.

Mr T. Lord
and Miss S.M. Miles
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs R. Lord, of Barwell, Leicestershire, and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.S. Miles, of Limpsfield, Surrey.

Mr B.R. Mew
and Miss S.J. Walkley
The engagement is announced between *Bruce*, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Mew, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.W.J. Walkley, of Elstead, Surrey.

Mr M.R.S. Nankivell
and *Miss D.L. Nixon*
The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of the late Mr Robert Nankivell and of Mrs Jean Nankivell, of The Hague, Holland, and Deborah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Nixon, of Alsager, Cheshire.

Dr G.H. Dawson
and Dr S.J. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Gerald Hilary, younger son of *Mr and Mrs Fred* Dawson, Edinburgh, and Susan Jane, only daughter of Dr John and Dr Jean Stewart, Thorpe, Surrey.

Mr V.G. O'Brien
and Miss S.M. Tyne
The engagement is announced between Vincent, son of Mr and Mrs T.J. O'Brien, of Millwall, London, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Tyne, of Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

Mr G. De Havillande
and Miss B.M. Davies
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs R. De Havillande, and Benita, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.W. Davies.

Mr K. Redbond
and Miss D.D. Houghton
The engagement is announced between Kevin, elder son of Mr M.B. Redbond, of Thursley, Surrey, and *Mrs* I.B. Kellow, of Farncombe, Surrey, and Deborah Dianne, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Houghton, of Churt, Surrey.

Mr R.T. Strasburger
and Miss E.I.C. *de* Sousa Turner
The engagement is announced between Roy Thomas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H.T. Strasburger, of Temple, Texas, United States, and Eva Isobel Chantal, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J. Turner, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr R.J. Suttle
and Miss J.M. Harris
The engagement is announced *between Robert John*, second son of Mr and Mrs V.R. Suttle, of Eversden, Cambridge, and Julie Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Harris, of Petts Wood, Kent.

Mr A.J. Waterworth
and Miss E.N. Rothwell
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Waterworth, of Crewood Hall, Kingsley, Cheshire, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.R. Rothwell, of The Grey House, East Lulworth, Dorset.

Sale room

Fragonard sold for £127,892

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The essence of French 18th-century prettiness was breathed into Fragonard's gouache of the "Gardens of the Villa d'Este", which sold for $193,500 (estimate $60,000 to $80,000), or £127,892, at Sotheby's in New York on Wednesday. It was bought by an unnamed private collector.

The gouache is a *reduction* of the famous painting of the scene - which hangs in the Wallace Collection in London, probably executed for a special client. He also made two *highly finished red chalk* drawings of the view.

Fragonard drawings are generally treated with extreme caution by the market since so many fakes are in circulation. Sotheby's have had a secret weapon here since they recruited Eunice Williams to their staff, the art historian who has worked on the problem of sorting the sheep from the goats. Buyers can be confident of the drawings she lets through.

This gouache had been unknown to scholars since it was *sold from the collection of* Jacques de Bryas in Paris in 1898.

The bidders ran several of the drawings in Sotheby's sale to unlooked for prices, concentrating their attention on items with scholarly footnotes.

An Andrea del Sarto black chalk drawing of a very pretty *boy, held by Berenson and* others to be a study for the St John The Baptist in the Pitti Palace in Florence, secured $165,000 (estimate $50,000 to $70,000), or £109,055, from a *New York private collector*.

Sir Denis Mahon had given the seal of approval to the Guercino drawing of "the Magdalen in prayer with a putto in the clouds beside her" and it sold for $35,200 (estimate $5,000 to $7,000), or £23,265. The eminent British art historian has suggested that it is a study for Guercino's Crucifixion altarpiece in Reggio Emilia.

A Laurent de la Hyre rendering of "The Rape of Europa" in chalk and grey wash made $29,700 (estimate *$4,000 to $6,000*), or £19,630, although the footnote revealed only that the composition "differed notably" from the drawing of the subject in the Munich print room and the painting in the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. That observation, however, subtly underlines the museum quality of the item.

The sale totalled £760,457 with 7 per cent left unsold.

Garden heritage trail for London

By John Young

A new horticultural heritage trail and interpretation centre is to be opened at Capel Manor on the north-east out*skirts of London on June 19*.

The organizers of the National Horticultural Show, which is expected to attract up to 50,000 visitors, are inviting gifts and loans of memo*rabilia, ranging from old* garden tools and equipment to books, photographs and catalogues.

The manor, now administered by Enfield Borough Council, is at the centre of one of Britain's oldest horticultural areas, the Lea Valley, much of which has been reclaimed from dereliction and where there is still a *thriving* glasshouse industry.

The grounds of the former Theobald's Palace, built by a 12th Century Archbishop of Canterbury, were subsequently used as a hunting park by James I.

Offers should be addressed to Mr Nicholas Evans or Mr Colin Porter at Capel Manor, Bullsmoor Lane, Waltham Cross, *Herts EN7 5HR*. Telephone: 0992 763849.

Science report

Room for expansion in animal ark

By Gareth Huw Davies

Until a few years ago the total number of species of plants and animals on Earth was believed to lie between at least one and a half million and at most three and five million. Recent research suggests the top figure may have to be revised upwards to as many as 30 million different species.

New animals continue to be *discovered at the rate of about* one species of mammal and three birds every year, mainly in the tropics. But the number of insects and other smaller creatures, which make up by *far the greatest number of all* living things, is much more uncertain. According to Professor Robert M. May, of Princeton University, writing in *Nature*, that uncertainty has increased in recent years.

The earlier top figure of five million species was arrived at in this way. The number of species actually named and catalogued is just over one million. Most are insects. Mammals and birds have been relatively well recorded throughout the world. For every one species recorded throughout the world in temperate zones, two to three have been identified in the tropics.

***But most of the insects that* have been named and classified are from temperate zones, so applying the same ratio scientists can expect to find two to three times as many *species of tropical insects*, as yet unnamed.**

The recent work of T.L. Erwin, the biologist, would call for a six-fold increase in this estimate. Erwin looked at the *insects in the canopies of* tropical trees, little studied because of their inaccessibility, which represent one of the last uncharted territories on Earth.

Using an insectidal fog, Erwin knocked down the insect populations from the tops of certain trees and arrived at an estimate of 600 different insect species to each species of tree. Siting an estimated 50,000 different types of tropi*cal trees, he arrived at the* remarkable figure of 30 million insect species.

A separate argument suggesting the total number of species could exceed 10 million is based on a plot of the number of creatures as a function of their size. Using a graph of the known species, a ten-fold reduction in length results in roughly a hundred times more species. So there are about 100 times as many species ten centimetres long than one metre long. Extrapolating down to around 0.5 millimetres, the species total is increased from the known 1 million to around 10 million.

Professor May concludes that as scientists lack a proper understanding of the size to species relationship there is no reason to expect such an *extrapolation to estimate* accurately the number of smaller unclassified species, but notes that the figure is not inconsistent with Erwin's estimate.

While he has reservations about some of Erwin's arguments, he commends Erwin's work for focusing attention on insects, "a huge class of animals that has been neglected for too long."

Source: *Nature*, Vol 324, p 514.

OBITUARY

MR ANATOLY EFROS

Gifted Russian director who knuckled under

Anatoly Efros, universally admired as the one Russian theatrical director who in ability, imagination and integrity may be compared to Yuri Lyubimov, died in Moscow *on January 12. He was 61.*

Born in Kharkov on June 3, 1925, and trained as a director at the Moscow State Theatre Institute, Efros made his debut in Ryazan, before being put in charge of the Central Children's Theatre in 1954.

There he staged several plays - mainly for young audiences - by Viktor Rozov. He was then promoted to the Lenin Komsomol Theatre in 1963. His four years there, largely patronized by members of the Young Communist League, were not without their problems.

Although the surviving aesthetic theories of Stalin rather than Stanislavsky dominated the policies in the Ministry of Culture, which ran the Mos*cow theatres at the time*, Efros had long since realized how sterile they had become.

Among the plays he directed there were two that trod on official corns: *104 Pages of Love*, an eyebrow-raising, sentimental drama with a potent kernel of provocative social criticism, by Edward Radzinsky and *My Poor Marat* by Alexei Arbusov, which was staged in London as *The Promise*, and performed world-wide with equal success.

Its explicit pessimism attracted official anger, and Efros would have lost his job, but for the support of influential people, Lyubimov foremost among them.

Efros was responsible for putting on the plays of many other leading Soviet dramatists, and he brought Gogol's *The Marriage* and Turgenev's *A Month in the Country* to the Edinburgh Festival in 1978.

He was offered the direction of the Taganka Theatre after the expulsion of Lyubimov, in 1983. He is known to have had the support of the theatre's entire staff, when he at first refused to accept the post, out of solidarity with his friend.

But he eventually succumbed to government pressure, for which Lyubimov never forgave him. Efros had been suffering from heart trouble for some time, and his death came suddenly.

He leaves his widow, Natalya, and a son.

DR J. M. S. TOMPKINS

Dr J. M. S. Tompkins, formerly Reader in English in the University of London at Royal Holloway College, died on December 27, at the age of 89. A scholar of distinction in several fields, she was internationally recognised as an authority on Kipling.

Joyce Marjorie Sanxter Tompkins, born in 1897, was educated at the German Day School, Forest Hill, and Bedford College, London.

After graduating in English and taking her MA, she became a temporary assistant in the Department under Caroline Spurgeon. In those days of academic unemployment, she did not get her assistant lectureship at Royal Holloway until 1934.

By this time her first book had been published and its quality recognised by the award of a DLitt. She was made Reader in 1948 and remained at the college until her retirement in 1965, serving for two periods as its Vice-Principal. She was devoted to her students, being a particularly inspiring supervisor of postgraduates.

From her first book to her last, over fifty years later, she broke new ground and wrote with admirable independence of the current orthodoxies. *The Popular Novel in England, 1770-1800*, (1932, 3rd edition 1967), has classic status in its field.

Of her many subsequent publications, *The Art of Rudyard Kipling* (1959, reprinted 1965), is similarly outstanding. It is a close and comprehensive interpretation of a writer whose true stature has still to be appreciated.

All her work is characterised by an unusual combination of attention to detail and a keen sense of *social and historical* perspective - seen equally, on a smaller scale, in her memorable Fawcett lecture on Elizabeth Browning's *Aurora Leigh* (1961), and in her articles on William Morris.

These gave a foretaste of the major occupation of her retirement, *An approach to the Poetry of William Morris*: a modest title for a comprehensive survey to which she brought the learning and insight of a lifetime. She had the satisfaction of completing this book before her sight failed some six years ago, and the assurance of its publication later this year.

AMANDO BERTUZZI AMANDA

Armando Bertuzzi Amanda, in his day one of the most successful restaurateurs in London, died on January 11. He was 84. He was restaurant manager of the Savoy from 1945 to 1958.

Those who remember him at the Savoy will not do so under his family name, Bertuzzi, as the Savoy thought it *difficult* for patrons to pronounce, and with his agreement, gave him the name of Amanda, a small variation of his first name.

This change seemed to give him extra confidence and to lessen, though not entirely obliterate, the bitter experience he suffered in the war when, having been interned with many other Italians, he was in the *Arandora Star* on its way to Canada when it was torpedoed. He was among the fortunate few to be saved.

Amanda was a man of *handsome bearing*, with a complete knowledge of how to run a successful restaurant with the standards on which the Savoy insisted. This required not only organisation, *at which he was a master*, but the ability to deal with an exacting clientele with charm and courtesy. He also had to control a large staff, many of different nationalities, whose *loyalty he quickly won*.

He was born in Venice in 1903; his father was the proprietor of a printing business, and on his mother's side he was the grandson of the Marchese Spinola, through whom he could claim to be descended from Doges of Venice.

As a young man he travelled around *the* world in the merchant navy, coming to England in 1921 to learn the language. There he married an English girl and decided to remain. Through Taglioni, the maître d'hotel at Ciro's, he was persuaded to abandon the sea to become a restaurateur.

After working in several London establishments, and after his release from internment, in 1944 he caught the eye of the then managing director of the Savoy, who was attracted by his ability and personality and offered him a post with the Savoy company.

Beginning at Claridge's, he stayed there a short time before his transfer to the Savoy, as assistant restaurant manager, where, in the following year, he succeeded the celebrated Santarelli.

As restaurant manager he was an outstanding success, overcoming the many difficulties of the post-war period, including the retention of food rationing. These and other disadvantages did not prevent him from returning the Savoy restaurant to its supremacy, with its rising floor, famous dance bands and celebrated cabaret artists.

It was a surprise to many that he decided, in 1958, to accept an offer to go to a new enterprise called the Talk of the Town at the London Hippodrome, which had been converted to serve meals during a continuous cabaret entertainment, but he was unhappy there and left after a serious dispute which may be said to have ended his distinguished career.

His second marriage, in 1960, was to Virginia de Gallegos, previously Costa Ri*can Minister* in *London*.

MR ANTHONY VANDERVELL

The Duke of Wellington, Deputy President of the Game Conservancy, writes:

The death of Anthony Vandervell on January 10, at the age of 59, is a loss which will be widely felt in the world of game and wildlife conservation.

Coming from a family well known in the engineering world, he was educated at *Stowe and was then apprenticed* to Rolls Royce before joining the family business. He eventually joined the board of a number of companies and managed one which *earned* the Queen's Award for Industry.

Sailing and motor cars were life-long hobbies, but game shooting, wildlife conservation and sporting art became his passionate interest; he gave much of his time and experience to helping all three.

He was co-author of *Game and the English Landscape* and shortly before his death had published an engaging little *novel*. But *it was as* chairman of the Game Conservancy for the last seven years that he made his major contribution. He led it from a position where it was desperate for funds to a firmly established organisation.

As a result it has been able to realise its potential for the research which he and others foresaw *would* become increasingly needed and which now has an international reputation for original work and practical advice.

He leaves a widow Audrey and two daughters.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.
Ezekiel 3 : 10

BIRTHS

BACON - On January 12th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Marylyn (née Grant) and Tim, a daughter, Rosalind Sarah.

BARR - On Friday, 9th January to Caroline (née Hackett) and Richard, a son, Alexander Robert.

BLACK BEDEGARD - On 8th January 1987 in Chester to Angela and Jan, a son, Thomas Jan Black.

ELGOOD - On January 14th 1987, in Bristol to Kate (née Compton) and Tony, a son, Edward Anthony, a brother for Charlotte and Emily.

d'ERLANGER - On January 9th, 1987, to Caroline and Rodolphe, a son.

DE SOUZA - On December 16th 1986 at Guildford to Julie-Ann and Clement, a daughter Rebecca Vitalda Teresa.

FIRTH - On January 10th at Wycombe General Hospital to Susan (née Friend) and Jonathan, a son, Andrew Peter Hodgson.

GALVIN - On January 3rd 1987 to Ruth (née Jacobs) and William, a daughter, Hannah Claire, a sister for Sarah.

HALLETT - On January 14th, in Hong Kong, to Jane and Simon, a daughter, Polly Elizabeth.

HAZZLEDINE - On January 12th, to Susan (née Dimond), and Jeremy, a son, Alexander Robert James.

HUDSON - On January 10th, to Jane and Dr Brendan, a daughter Louise Jane.

LOCKHART - See St. John.

SIMONS - On January 4th, at Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Jane (née Hickinbotham) and Paul, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth.

ST JOHN - On January 13th at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Kerra and Harry, a daughter, Alannah Victoria, a sister for Oliver.

DEATHS

ALLARD - On January 15th, peacefully at home in Oxford. Annie Dorothea, widow of William Allard of Guildford. Per ardua stabilis.

BARNES - On January 13th 1987, peacefully at Edgecombe Nursing Home, Egbert, formerly of Seagry, Wiltshire. Funeral Service at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon on Monday 19th January at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired may be sent to Help the Aged, 1 Sekforde Street, London EC1.

BELLORD - On 12th January 1987, after an illness borne with great courage, Robert Windham, aged 43, beloved husband of Marika and loving father of Charlie, Harry, Thomas and Hanna and eldest son of the late Robert Bellord and Ruth Woodroffe. Requiem mass Tuesday 20th January 1987 at 3 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, London W6. Flowers and enquiries to John Nodes & Sons, 181 Ladbroke Grove, London W10. 01 969 1819. Donations if wished, to Trinity Hospice, Clapham.

BEVERIDGE - On January 12th, peacefully at home in Cuffley, Herts. Stuart, aged 65. Funeral service in Northaw Parish Church, Herts, on Monday January 19th at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request. Donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

BLISS - See Daws.

BRENNAN - On January 11th 1987, suddenly at home, Patrick Joseph (Pat), dearly loved husband of Christine, beloved father of Paul and Ed, and grandfather of Sean, Matthew, Paul and Craig. Who will be sadly missed by us and all that knew him. Funeral service at Our Lady Visitation Church, Greenford. Garden flowers only, please. Enquiries to Sherry's Funeral Home. Tel: 01 578 1402.

BURRIDGE - On January 13th, 1987, suddenly at Wokingham, Brigadier Donald William Roll Burridge C.B.E., late Royal Signals (Rtd), dearly loved husband of Peggy, and father of Michael and Ian. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Wokingham at 2pm on Wednesday 21 January, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations, if desired to S.S.A.F.A Central Office, 16-18 Old Queen Street, London, SW1H 9HP.

CAMPBELL - On January 9th 1987, tragically, Neil Colin Campbell, F.C.A., of Cuckfield, Sussex, aged 52 years, (formerly of B.I. Steamship Co and P & O.) beloved husband of Sylvia (Jackie) and devoted father of Stuart, Robert and Maria. Funeral on Tuesday February 3rd at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Crawley at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to the Ray Powles Leukaemia Fund, C/O. J & R Matthews, 8 Church Street, Cuckfield, Sussex. Tel: 0444 413055.

CRAMER - On January 12th Doctor Walter William, peacefully at home, aged 90. Loved husband, father and grandfather.

DARLING - On January 13th 1987, Derek Henry beloved husband of Vera, loving father of Claire and James. Funeral service at Lytchett Minster Parish Church on Tuesday January 20th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o of H.J. Cole & Sons, 68/70 [illegible] Street, Poole, Dorset. Tel: (0202) 678047.

DAWS - On January 14th, peacefully in Cheltenham, Barbara Ellen Mary Stephenson (née Bliss). Cremation private.

FRANKLIN - On 12th January 1987, suddenly at home, Peter William aged 64 years, late of Lymington Mansions, West Hampstead, adored and beloved husband of Sheila, deeply loved father of Susan and David, cherished brother of Pamela, agency producer of Dorland Advertising Ltd. Cremation Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane NW11, on Sunday 18th January at 11 am. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired in memory of Peter W Franklin: Save the Children Fund.

GOODJOHN - On January 14th 1987, peacefully in the London Hospital, [illegible] aged 88 years. Please no flowers. Donations to a charity of own choice. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday January 21st at 12.00pm.

GREVIN - On January 14th 1987, in hospital after a long and courageous fight, Jennifer Carol, beloved mother, daughter and sister. Service at St James' Church at 3pm on Thursday January 22nd, followed by cremation at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Flowers to R.R. Hickmott & Son, or if desired donations to Imperial Cancer Research or Save the Children Fund.

HAMILTON - On 12th January 1987, after illness borne with great courage and cheerfulness, Dorothy Elizabeth of Hemingford Abbots, Cambridge. Daughter of the late Brigadier William [illegible] Hamilton, sister of the late [illegible] Hamilton. The funeral service will be held at St Margaret's Church, Hemingford Abbots on Wednesday 21st January at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations to Royal Marsden Hospital Appeal, Fulham Road, London.

HOBOURN - On January 14th 1987, peacefully at Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home, Uckfield, after a short illness, Mary (Molly) Hobourn, aged 89 years, beloved wife of the late [illegible] Handley of Foster Wheeler Ltd. Cremation service [illegible] at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton on Friday 23rd January at 11.30 am. Flowers or donations if desired to the [illegible] Benevolent Society, c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex. Tel: (0273) 475651 or (0825) 3765.

HUMPHREYS - On 14th January 1987, suddenly, Canon [illegible] Bramley, of [illegible] Close, Lincoln. Beloved brother of Constance, and the late Cyril George (O.B.A.). Reception into Lincoln Cathedral on Tuesday 20th January, 4 pm. Funeral service in Lincoln Cathedral Wednesday 21st January, 12.30 pm. followed by cremation. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for Lincoln Cathedral Fabric Fund, c/o Mr [illegible] Pemberton House, 8 Castle Hill, Lincoln. Enquiries [illegible] Tel 0522 20606.

IRWIN - On January 13th at home, Arthur Cecil in his 88th year. Husband of the late Kathleen Nancy Irwin, father of Philip and Evelyn, grandfather of Robert and Jane. Service at Woking Crematorium on Monday 19th January, at 3 pm. Flowers to Woking Funeral Service [illegible] Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey.

KEMP - On January 15th, at her home in Maldon, Essex, Eleanore Maria [illegible]. Beloved wife of Peter. No mourning. No flowers at her special request.

LANDOR - On January 13th, 1987, Neil Landor at home with his family around him, beloved husband of [illegible] and loving father of [illegible] and Alison. House and funeral private. [illegible]

LEE - On Monday, January 12th 1987, at The Retreat, York, Amy [illegible] aged 86 years, formerly of Thirlmere near Keswick. Funeral service [illegible] the Vale Church near Keswick on Friday January 16th at 2pm. Flowers to Eric Green, 7 Manor Park, Keswick.

MAGNUS - On Tuesday 13th January, peacefully at home, Hilary Barrow Magnus QC, beloved husband of Rosemary and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral for family and close friends. Memorial service to be announced later.

MATHEWS - On January 13th 1987, peacefully at home after long illness, Mr Keith of 1 Portway Steps, Frome, aged 49. Lovingly remembered by all his friends. Funeral service Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Wednesday January 21st at 2pm, No flowers by request. Donations in lieu to the Mr Garvey Fellowship, Mendip Hospital, Wells.

MORGAN - GRIFFITHS - On January 12th, W.J.V.(Jack) aged 78, late of Carmarthen, practising solicitor in Oxford for over 40 years, peacefully in his sleep leaving a wife and four daughters.

PATRICK - On January 14th, peacefully at home, A. Noel Patrick O.B.E. Beloved husband of Dorothy, and father of Timothy and Harley. Funeral service at St. Mary the Boltons, SW10 on Thursday, January 22nd at 2.15pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to The League of Friends, The Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham SW3.

ROSEN - On 14th January, 1987, Doris, dearly loved by her family and friends. Funeral on Friday 16th at 12.30 pm. Hoop Lane Reform Cemetery, Golders Green.

ROSKROW - On January 12th, Brian, dearly loved and loving husband of Pat and father of Jane and Jeremy. Funeral High Easter Church 11.30 Friday 16th January. Family flowers only but Donations to: Chelmsford Hospice.

RUTLAND - On January 14th, peacefully in Highgate, Evelyn Gilchrist Rutland, aged 84, much missed by Anthony, Francis, Sapil, Johnathon and Alexandra.

SCHOFIELD - On January 14th, peacefully, William George Broadbent of Low Burton Hall, Masham, North Yorks, originally of Greenfield, near Oldham, in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Armyne, father of Moira, Ann, Marigold and Cicely and much loved grandfather. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Masham, on Saturday January 17th at noon. Family flowers only.

VINCENT - On Monday January 12th 1987, Doctor Mary Brielin (née Kelly) M.B. (T.C.D.) of 228 Abbey Lane, Sheffield 8, wife of Doctor Harry Vincent, peacefully at her home, aged 69 years. Rest in Peace.

WALTER - On 14th January 1987, suddenly in Lugano, Switzerland, The Lady Mary Jill, wife of the late John Walter. A private family funeral will be held in Switzerland.

WAYMOUTH - On 14 January peacefully at home in Wellington, Gweneth Lillian Waymouth, aged 86. Wife of the late Captain Ridley Waymouth, CBE, RN, daughter of Lt. Col. B.A. Rice, DSO and Mrs. O.W. Rice, much beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Family funeral.

WHITE - On January 13th, suddenly at home, Kenneth Charles, architect. Beloved husband of Mary. Funeral at Ilkley Parish Church, today, Friday January 16th, at 1.45 pm. No flowers please. With Christ.

WILKINS - On January 14th 1987, suddenly at home George Percy Wilkins M.A., priest, aged 71, husband of Judith and father of Stephen. High Mass of Requiem, Thursday 22nd January 6pm, at St Stephen's Church, Bournemouth. Family flowers only please, but donations for Helen House and any other enquiries to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

WRIGHT - On January 14th, peacefully at home, James Egerton Lowndes. Private funeral. No flowers.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SMITH - A memorial service for 'Mike' J Smith, late of Linwillows, Guildford, and former C.A.A. Flight Test Engineer who died on January 6th, will be held at 11.30 on January 24th at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

GOULDING - Sir Basil, in grateful and loving memory of my brother on the 4th anniversary of his death. Ossian.

HISCOCK - A Memorial Service for Eric Hiscock, O.B.E. will take place at St. James' Church, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight on Saturday 31st January at 12 noon.

Royal Navy entries

The following candidates have been declared successful for entry to the Royal Navy and have entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth:

Direct graduate entry

Lieutenant (short-career commission) Instructor Officer.
P Adams, Heriot Watt University; R C Carter, Lanchester Polytechnic; B C Davis, Hull University; R W Driffill, Napier College, Edinburgh; S W Hartley, Leeds University; M S Lovell, Cambridge University; B Neathey, University College, Cambridge; M C Walters, Middlesex Polytechnic.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (short-career commission) Instructor Officer.
S N Rippingale, Goldsmiths' College, London; J J Townshend, Brunel University.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (full-career commission) Seaman Officer.
C A H Diddel, Newcastle University; C E W Hayward; S J Secretan, Chester College of Higher Education.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (full-career commission) Engineer Officer.
A M Adams, Leeds University; D Fitzjohn, UWIST, Cardiff; G J Foster, Manchester University; T B Hutchings, Thames Polytechnic, London; J K Peat, Southampton College; S W Pooley, Coventry Polytechnic; P F Snow, Newcastle University; M Stirzaker, Newcastle University; C M Streeton, King's College, London.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (full-career commission) Supply and Secretariat Officer.
E A Busher, Kent University; P E Richards, College of Law, Chester.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (medium-career commission) Seaman Officer.
M M Nugent, Leicester Polytechnic.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (short-career commission) Seaman Officer.
M E Fawcett, Edinburgh University; N J Toomey, Hatfield Polytechnic; C J Wilson, Plymouth Polytechnic.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (short-career commission) Engineer Officer.
D H Adair, Glasgow University; M C Cook, Portsmouth Polytechnic; R S Lovegrove, Leicester University; P A Markham, Bradford University; C A McGowan, St Andrews University; J Nackvi, Warwick University.

Naval College entry

Midshipman (full-career commission) Seaman Officer.
P L Allen, Exeter S; P Andrew, Cornwall C of Higher and Further Educ; M A E Bravery, Aylesbury GS; C E Bosel, Victoria C, Jersey; I Cameron, Dyson Perrins C of E High S; S J Cooper, Sheffield Poly; S Dainton, Blue Coat S, Liverpool; H Duffy, Alewood Comp S; A J Foster, Hull GS; R J Gainey, Totton Sixth Form C; A N Goode, Harry Carlton Comp S, Loughborough; J C Goodfellow, Beverley GS; C J W Griffiths, St Edward's S, Oxford; C A Hallman, Pangbourne C, Reading; A W Holden, Surrey University; P R Hurrell, Gordonstoun; J N L Lunn, G Abbot S, Guildford; K M R Lees, Toot Hill Comp S, Bingham; K McInnes, Morrison's Acad, Crieff; C P J O'Flaherty, Plymouth C; A M Rasor, Brockenhurst C; N J Tucker, Neath Tertiary C; M J Speakman, RN Upper Yardman; P M W Thrush, King's S, Herefordshire; J J Venney, Brockenhurst C; P S Verney, Maiden Erlegh S; I D B Whitley, Bexley Heath S; A G S Wood, Ardingley C, Sussex.

Midshipman (full-career commission) Engineer Officer.
D C Berry, Southampton C of Higher Educ; J P Bolton, Penrith Sixth Form C, Penzance; K M Brown, RN Upper Yardman; S P Cheetham, Crieff HS; K Clough, RN Upper Yardman; M J Collis, Farmor's S, Cirencester; S S Cooper, Steyning GS; G S Davey, RN Upper Yardman; D P S Ferris, RN Upper Yardman; J M Fielder, Westgate S, Winchester; S J H Foster, RN Upper Yardman; N A Hardiman, N Cheshire C; C G Hill, Hull University; M J Judson, Farnborough C of Tech; E M King, W R Turson C, Preston; M P Maidment, RN Upper Yardman; L Mellor, Portsmouth Sixth Form C; B O J O'Kane, W R Thurston C, Preston; D T Owens, Harvey GS, Folkestone; I D Parker, King's S, Rochester; M I Parkin, Salt GS; A S B Richter, Fareham Tertiary C; R K Taffler, Berkhamsted S; A S Tipple, Leicester GS; B L Wright, Teesside Poly.

Midshipman (medium-career commission) Seaman Officer.
J W Abbott, Caterhorpe Park, Witney; M J Bristow, Exeter S; J E Churcher, Loughborough GS; D E F Crosbie, Bangor GS; A Hannan, Buttershaw Upper S; J R Kearney, St Ralph Sherwin S, Derby; K W Kirby, Cheney S, Oxford; P M McCallum, Paisley GS; M C Mackay, Cricklade C, Andover; R C Matson, Hull Trinity House S; R A Nice, S Thames C; P J Woodward, Bethany S, Cranbrook.

Midshipman (medium-career commission) Engineer Officer.
S W Bedford, Mid-Warwickshire C of Further Educ; R G Carr, Poole GS; M C Donovan, Marling S, Stroud; P Donovan, Coombe Dean S, Plymouth; M D Francis, Yeovil C; S J Herbert, RN Upper Yardman; G N Higgins, RN Upper Yardman; J S Howstan, Newcastle Poly; M J Mitchell, RN Upper Yardman; C P Moores, Crypt GS, Gloucester; J N Morgan-Hosey, RN Upper Yardman; S S A Rizvi, Sutton C of Further Educ; I G Roberts, Strathclyde University; M Saunders, Cricklade C, Andover; S D Scott, RN Upper Yardman; D Shippings, RN Upper Yardman; C D Tanner, Basildon C; G E P Williamson, RN Upper Yardman.

Midshipman (short-career commission) Seaman Officer.
W A P Austin, Birkenhead S; R Blanchard, Bournemouth and Poole C of Further Educ; P C Blythe, Hull Trinity House S; D J Goddard, Sevenoaks S; C R Grovell, Bay House Sixth Form C; Alverstoke; I M Ingham, RN Upper Yardman; R G Johnstone, Stevenson C of Further Educ, Edinburgh; S A P Lea, Edinburgh Tutorial C; R J McNicholas, Bishop Henshaw RC Memorial S, Rochdale; J J M Miller, RN Upper Yardman; B J A Nichol, Stow C, Glasgow; D J Pert, St Austell Sixth Form C; A K M Pierce, Callington Comp S; D T Rixon, RN Upper Yardman; N R Slocombe, Hardye's S, Dorchester; P J Woollard, R Hospital S, Ipswich; M J Worrow, Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form C.

Midshipman (short-career commission) Supply and Secretariat Officer.
J J Greaves, Radley C, Abingdon; M G Long, RN Upper Yardman; P Richardson, RN Upper Yardman; G E Stringer, RN Upper Yardman; K M Tucker, RN Upper Yardman.

University cadetship entry

Midshipman (full-career commission) Seaman Officer.
A Belton, Ipswich S; E M Bussey, Sevenoaks S; C J Fisher, Purbrook Park Comp S, Portsmouth; T J C Garnier, Radley; I E Graham, Q Mary's C, Basingstoke; J A Gray; E H L Hall, Christ's Hospital S, Horsham; K J Harris, Alton C, Hants; P H S Massey, Westminster; R A Moss, Rendcombe C; T J Tucker, Torquay Boys GS; A J Clavent, K Edward's S, Bath; N J Ward, Bradfield C.

Midshipman (full-career commission) Engineer Officer.
M A Bougourd, St Peter Port GS; N A Ferguson, Wells Cathedral S; W J R Mew, Sevenoaks S; I P S Quekett, King's College S, Wimbledon; A W M Thomson, Alcester GS.

Midshipman (full-career commission) Supply and Secretariat Officer.
J H M Dathan, Exeter School.

Flying duties

Direct graduate entry

Acting Sub Lieutenant (short-career commission) Pilot.
J E S Dixon, Kent University; I C Reid, East Anglia University; P M Riding, Liverpool University; B L Sear, Council of Legal Education, London; S J Le Mesurier-Mitchell, Salford University.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (medium-career commission) Observer.
R M Caws, Southampton University; D A Collins, Birmingham University; J M Lowther, University College of Swansea; M Roberts, Wales University; R Young, St Andrews University.

Acting Sub Lieutenant (short-career commission) Observer.
C H Evans, Chelsea S of Human Movement, Eastbourne.

Naval College entry

Midshipman (medium-career commission) Pilot.
C I Aitchison, Moray C of Further Educ; S P Christmas, Gordonstoun; P R Gray, Havant C; N J Swinnerton, Singapore.

Midshipman (short-career commission) Pilot.
R J Atack, Q Elizabeth S, Wakefield; S A Haddow, Weymouth C; T G de B Hart, Long Road Sixth Form C, Cambridge; M I Holtby, RN Upper Yardman; G W Morrison, Prestwick Acad; R B Nadin, RN Upper Yardman; A I Pomeroy, Burton Tech C, Staffs; D A Spicer, Licensed Victuallers S, Slough; A W Watson, Harrogate C of Art.

Midshipman (medium-career commission) Observer.
G J Carnell, Weald S, Billingshurst; S P Raper, Manchester Poly; M Tetley, K Edward Sixth S, Louth.

Midshipman (short-career commission) Observer.
R A Forster, Doncaster Metropolitan Inst of Higher Educ; R E Hommone, South Downs C, Havant; R J Sheppard, Philip Morant Comp S, Colchester; R C V Smith, RN Upper Yardman; M J Young, Wilmslow GS.

Schools

Forest School
Lent Term began on Monday, January 12, at Forest School. The confirmation service, to be taken by the Bishop of Barking, will be held on March 15. A choral concert will take place on March 20. The corps will be inspected on March 25. The main entrance and scholarship examinations will be held on January 24.

New Hall School
New Hall School Spring Term begins on Sunday, January 18, 1987, and ends on March 28, 1987.

St George's School, Ascot
Boarders returned to St George's School, Ascot, for the Spring Term on January 13 and term ends on March 27. Half-term starts on February 19 and boarders return on February 24. Justine Shaw is head girl. The school concert will take place on March 20 and 21.

Mill Hill School
Spring Term at Mill Hill School began on Wednesday, January 14. *Mrs P.K. Mills has joined* the physics department, J.A. Evans (Collinson) continues as senior monitor and C.R. Younger (Ridgeway) is captain of hockey. The new Mander pipe-organ in chapel is fully commissioned. Confirmation, by the Bishop of Edmonton, will be held on March 17. The entrance scholarship examinations for academic and music adwards will begin on March 2, the examinations for guaranteed and assisted places will be held during half-term on Saturday, February 21. The drama festival takes place on Sunday, February 15, and the finals of the music solo-instrumental competitions on Sunday, March 1. Old Millhillians are advised that the decennial reunion will be held on Sunday, July 5, and those among the 1961 to 1970 leavers who are not members of the Old Millhillians Club are invited to write to the second master for details of this and other future occasions.

Trent College
Lent Term began on Monday, January 12. The new VI-form house for girls, Martin House, will be in use for the first time. Mr P.C. Clark takes over as Housemaster of Wortley and Squadron Leader F.J. Shingler will command the CCF. The new all-weather playing surface will be officially opened with a hockey match between the 1st XI and an international XI on Sunday, January 25. The junior entrance scholarship examination for boys of 10 to 11 will be held on Saturday, February 7, and the music scholarship audition for boys of 12 to 13 on Thursday, February 19. The VI-form scholarship examination will be held on Saturday, March 7. Confirmation by the Bishop of Repton is on March 8. Term ends on Saturday, March 28.

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SHERVINGTON - On 5th January 1987, peacefully at the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham, Diana, aged 58. The family wish to thank family and friends for their kind expressions of condolence.

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Date of appointment: October 15, 1986
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Number of matter: 002742 of 1986

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Dated 12th January 1987
NEVILLE ECKLEY
LIQUIDATOR

'Donate blood before surgery'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Patients waiting for an operation should bank their own blood in case a transfusion was needed, Dr Lesley Kay, a senior specialist to the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, said yesterday.

Writing in the latest issue the *British Medical Journal*, Dr Kay explained that the proposal was aimed at avoiding anxiety about the transmission of the Aids virus by blood transfusion, but it would also relieve worries about possible transmission of the liver disease non-A non-B hepatitis.

The suggestion was described by Dr Marcela Contreras, director of the North London Blood Transfusion Service, as "the ideal scheme for blood donation".

The use of an individual's own donation for personal transfusion is referred to as autologous blood transfusion, and it is done in the United States and Australia. Dr Contreras said, however, it could be arranged only for the wealthy because it meant a hospital would need to create a blood bank with the individually named donations.

The donations would be made from 35 days before surgery, and a total of up to eight units (half a litre) of blood could be taken.

Algerians hold rally men on cash charge

Mr Barry Lee, left, the rally driver facing currency charges in Algeria, with Mr Ted Toleman, right, who was also held for a time, and another team member, Mr Rad Dougall.

By David Sapsted

Two Britons, the world hot-rod racing champion and a senior executive with a brewery company, were being held last night in "atrocious" conditions in a remote Algerian jail following their arrest while taking part in the Paris-Dakar *motor rally*.

Mr Barry Lee, four times hot-rod champion, and Mr Mike Magee, international sponsorship director for Carlsberg, were arrested at a desert outpost on the Algerian-Mali border a week ago and face currency violation charges.

The Foreign Office said last night that only sketchy details of the arrests were known because of *communication* problems with the Saharan village of Timiaouine, 1,000 miles south of the British Embassy in Algiers. It is hoped to arrange a consular visit when they are moved to a prison at Bordj-Moktar.

Mr Lee was a driver with the Ted Toleman team consisting of two Range Rovers and a Land-Rover which set off from Paris on January 1 at the start of the 8,000-mile rally. Mr Magee was representing the principal sponsors, Dansk Low-Alcohol Lager.

Mr Toleman, a Brentwood businessman who skippered *the ill-fated Virgin Atlantic Challenger I*, was originally also arrested. He was later freed and was last night in Mali organizing consular and legal assistance for the two men.

A Belgian driver, Mr Luc Janssens, was also held but later released.

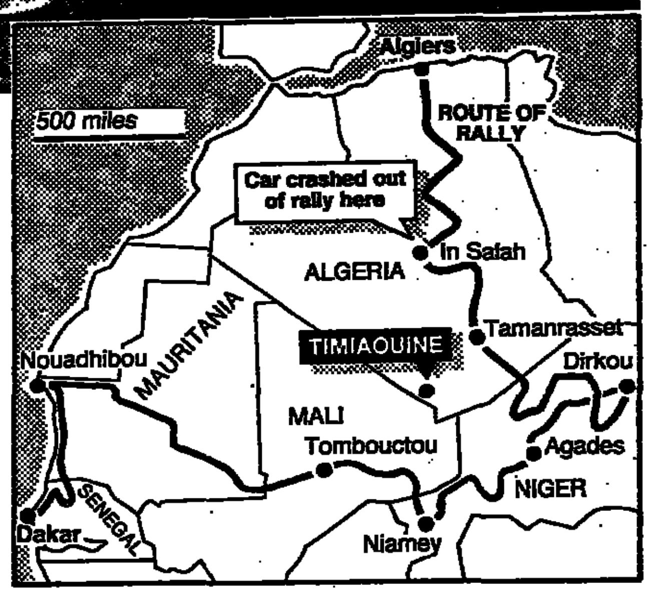
"We were not trying to skirt round the Algerian currency rules. *It was a simple misunderstanding of the rules*," Mr Toleman said from Bamako, the Mali capital.

He explained that the team had been forced to retire from the rally for mechanical reasons but four of them had decided to make a Sahara crossing anyway. Other team members returning to Britain gave money they held to Mr Lee and Mr Magee which *meant that when the party was* stopped at the border, they were carrying more than the amounts declared.

Mr Brian Kreisky, head of the independent TV company, Videovision Broadcast, which has been covering the rally, said he understood the Britons were being held in appalling conditions.

"They are on a bread and water diet and the conditions in the jail are atrocious. Apparently, the Algerian authorities are refusing to release them even on bail

This year's rally attracted an entry of 270 cars, 130 motorcycles and 80 lorries. Its previous casualties include Mr Mark Thatcher who was lost in the Sahara after breaking down four years ago.



Uneasy ceasefire gets under way in Kabul

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ernment here securing international guarantees that support for them will be halted. It is understood that a shortened timetable for a Soviet withdrawal will be submitted when the United Nations sponsored peace talks resume next month.

The businesslike speech was delivered in Kabul's ornate Salaam Khana Palace. In addition to Western reporters, it was also heard by a number of extreme leftists from various countries, including Nicaragua.

Some of Dr Najib's words were drowned by the noise of Soviet military helicopters and aircraft rumbling low over the heavily-guarded former royal palace. Members of the notorious Khad intelligence service, which the KGB-trained Dr Najib used to head, lined the chamber's walls to deter any assassination attempt.

Appropriately, Dr Najib sat on the rostrum next to a white-haired Soviet official, who kept a close eye on proceedings in the curious, unstructured assembly which Moscow hopes will provide the forum to attract opponents back into the Government camp, especially those with strong Islamic links.

Dr Najid said: "We are against the sectarian principle that who is not with us is against us. Our principle is different: who is not against us is with us."

● ISLAMABAD: Major Afghan rebel groups yesterday declined comment on reports of the agreement paving the way for a withdrawal

Frank Johnson in the Commons

My Goodness — Mr Kinnock

Mr Kinnock and his party arrived for yesterday's sitting to face what, from their point of view, were deteriorating weather conditions. The weather was improving.

Even if it had not been improving, Mr Kinnock must by now have remembered that people who talk about the weather all the time *have* traditionally been regarded as the supreme bores, and that he had talked about nothing else for two solid days.

The entire plot of *Macbeth* can be explained with reference to the lengths people will go to stop other people talking about the weather all the time. Lady Macbeth egged on her husband to commit regicide and become king because she thought it was the only way to make his conversation more interesting than his very first line shows it to have been. ("So foul and fair a day I have not seen".)

Mr Kinnock undoubtedly thinks his weather chat has been more interesting than Macbeth's.

But by yesterday it was possible to sense, around the town, that no one wanted any longer to hear anyone's weather stories. And there was every reason to suppose that this lack of interest extended to Mr Kinnock's macabre questions to Mrs Thatcher about how many old people were going to die because of her policy.

So by yesterday Mr Kinnock was encouraging his party to change the subject from the old folk to the old folk's traditional drink – Guinness.

Free Guinness for the old folk under Labour! Mr Kinnock seemed to be leaving that commitment until later. For the time being, he and the Opposition concentrated on the alleged evil-doing by the company which makes Guinness. The company's slogan seems to have been: money is good for you. The Opposition was on strong ground in denouncing such a policy.

The subject of Guinness first came up during questions to the Prime Minister. It was raised by Mr Christopher Smith, the Labour member for Islington South and Finsbury and therefore a key figure in the Islington-Lambeth-Brent Axis on which Mr Tebbit is relying to win the general election for the Conservatives.

Unfortunately, Mr Smith — not part of Mr Kinnock's inner circle of strategists — seemed not to realise that hypothermia, having done good service for two days, was now out, and that Guinness was in.

Mr Smith insisted on combining the two. "Is the Prime Minister aware that her Government presides over a society in which the chairman of Guinness can earn £350,000 a year while thousands of people were freezing because they cannot afford to heat their homes?" he raged.

What Mr Smith has said was undoubtedly true. Mrs Thatcher's Government does preside over such a society, in so far as any Government in a free country can be said to "preside" over society. The whole point of a free country is that Government does not "preside" over the whole society. But neither Mr Smith, nor anyone else of his persuasion, has ever been able to show that people freeze in their homes *because* other people earn £350,000.

Wisely, they do not try to argue the link, but just state it. Nonetheless, just stating it seems to keep the party happy, and Mr Smith's question undoubtedly went down well in Islington South and Finsbury Labour Party.

In vain Mrs Thatcher replied with talk of allowances and additional heating payments. Tory backbenchers shouted to Mr Smith that the Guinness chairman who earned the £350,000 had just been sacked. But Mr Smith's spontaneous outburst had undoubtedly been planned before that development.

Later, Mr Robin Cook, an Opposition front bench spokesman, put an emergency question to Mr Michael Howard, Minister of State at Trade and Industry. He wanted an extension of the terms of reference of the inquiry which Government inspectors were already making into the Guinness affair.

After that, Mr Howard's departmental head — Mr Paul Channon — made a statement in which he said the Government could not say much about the takeover of *Pilkington glass company* by what Labour members kept on describing as predator (another company). Tory backbenchers from the constituencies affected joined in the concern. It was a bad day for capitalism, which meant a good one for Islington South and Finsbury.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Asthma Research Council, attends a "Diamond" dinner at the Mansion House, 7.15.

New exhibitions

Watercolours by Audrey Jerram: Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire, Mon to Sat 10 to 4 (ends April 4).

Exhibitions in progress

Painting into Air by Douglas Swan: The Welsh Arts Council Gallery, 53 Charles St, Cardiff, Mon to Sat 9 to 5.30 (ends Feb 7).

The World of the Nursery – display of textiles and printed works: The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, Whitworth Pk, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thur 10 to 9 (ends Mar 7).

Flora of Aberdeen — Botanical drawings by W. Catto; Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Mon to Wed, Fri and Sat 10 to 5, Thu 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 29).

The Golden Thread: Classical Mythology in Contemporary Art; Milton Keynes Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Mon to Wed 9.30 to 6, Thur and Fri 9.30 to 8, Sat 10 to 5 (ends Feb 14).

Dorset Landscapes by Frederick Whitehead; Dorset County Museum, Dorchester, Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends May 16).

Music

Schubert Winterreise with Andrew Yeats (tenor) and Nicholas Toller (piano); St Edwards Church, Cambridge, 8.

Music for piano and trumpet Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

Nash Chamber Ensemble (Haydn, Dvorak, Elgar); North Bromsgrove High School, 7.45.

Music at Oxford concert; Beethoven recital by Shura Cherkassky, Sheldonian Theatre, Broad St, 8.

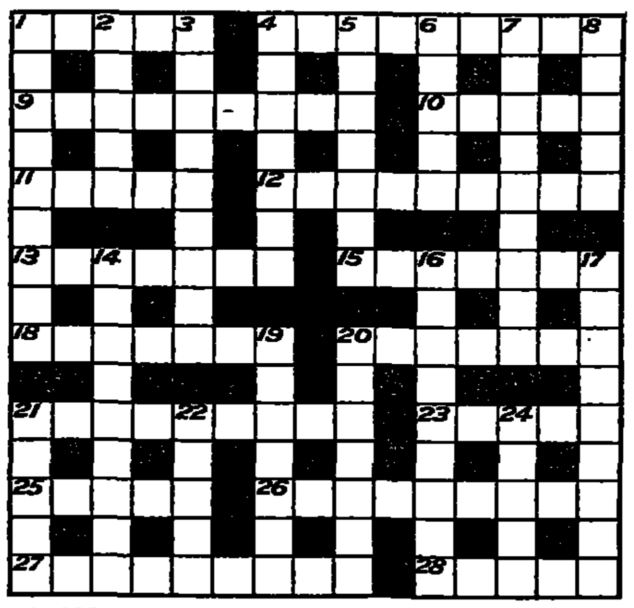
Talks

Natural History with a Pentax in the USA by Sonia Barker-Fricker; Lecture Theatre, Trowbridge Technical College, 7.30.

General

Argyll and Bute Conservative and Unionist Association Burns' Supper at the Regent Hotel, Oban, 7.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,255



ACROSS
- 1 Standard minimum return for Jack, so it appears (5).
- 4 State with modern milk distributor (3,6).
- 9 Colleague with a diploma? (9).
- 10 Tree with top removed, bearing soft fruit (5).
- 11 Stew lacking a sausage? On the contrary (5).
- 12 Issue a poet experienced when young (9).
- 13 Skilfulness in making a speech (7).
- 15 Captive medicine man's wild cavortings (7).
- 18 Cheek, to permit such an ornament! (7).
- 20 Hypocrisy, even for a poet, to eat here (7).
- 21 Cape — one found in paid supervisor's trunk (9).
- 23 Many a libertine once at sea (5).
- 25 Parisian who adopted a son, seemingly (5).
- 26 Ideal C-in-C, possibly from Reykjavik (9).
- 27 Ivy, for one – gullible as always! (9).
- 28 Society woman rejected S American chain (5).

DOWN
- 1 Seaman observed snake way up on cart (9).
- 2 Girl is cutting the plant (5).
- 3 Colouring of carbonaceous *rock seen around a ravine* (9).
- 4 Sister accepting a Church's nice distinctions (7).
- 5 Emotionally upset by tiny ringing sound (7).
- 6 Partly 26, this creature (5).
- 7 American student hopes room has been changed (9).
- 8 Interest that's left in yearling deposits initially (5).
- 14 Cheat about to overcharge to a high degree (9).
- 16 A short time without liquor before a solo performance (9).
- 17 Wholly sensible pronouncements from Judges? (9).
- 19 Tangible diplomacy on French island (7).
- 20 Its wheel might be broken, said the Preacher (7).
- 21 Ill-feeling engendered by a pet, say? (5).
- 22 Outstanding start for Olympic footballer (5).
- 24 A theological journalist summed up thus (5).

The solution to yesterday's puzzle will appear on Monday January 26

Concise Crossword page 14

Feeding garden birds

Many birds could die in the present cold weather, particularly ground-feeding birds unable to find food.

Fatty foods like grated cheese, chopped-up bacon rind and suet provide a ready source of energy. Apples, sultanas and raisins are good for thrushes, and seed mixtures and nuts, especially sunflower seeds and peanuts, are liked by finches and tits.

A supply of fresh water is important for keeping birds' feathers in good insulating condition but on no account must anything be added to stop it freezing.

Feeding Garden Birds is available for two second class stamps by writing to Feeding Garden Birds, Dept 127, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL.

Heating hotline

Help the Aged's freephone heating hotline is open from 8 am to 8 pm during the extremely cold weather. It offers advice and information to elderly people, their relatives, carers and friends, on heating and the benefits available to them.

The Freephone heating hotline number is 0800 289 404.

Roads

The North: The Pennines: M62 closed between junctions 20 and 24. Routes open: A6033 Rochdale/Todmorden. A646 Halifax. **Humberside:** M62: Two lanes 50 mph. A62, A58, A672, A640, A635, A6024, A6033: Closed. Keighly-Hebdon Bridge, A1079, A1033, M18: 30 mph. **W Yorkshire:** A169, A165: Closed. **N Yorkshire:** A169, B1257, B1248, A165, B1249: Closed. **S Yorkshire:** M180: Speed restrictions. ***Northumberland:*** A1: Alnwick bypass, single line at Belford. A68 closed at Carter Bar, A696 at Knowesgate, A697 at Longhorsley. **Co Durham:** A66: Closed. Pass other main roads with care.

The West: Almost all roads are affected by snow or ice. Problems with drifting snow. Main roads passable with care. **Cornwall:** Helston to Lizard (Culdrose), Helston to Redruth and Camborne: Closed. Avoid Lizard area and Land's End. **Devon:** Still very difficult in N Devon, Dartmoor and W Devon, and the S Hams area. A39 Blackmoorgate to Lynmouth, A361 S Molton to Bampton, A399 Blackmoorgate to Coombe Martin, A35 Honiton to Axminster. A358 Axminster to Chard: Closed. **Somerset:** Difficult between Taunton and Minehead. **Avon:** Severn Bridge open to high sided vehicles. **Wiltshire:** M4: 20 mph. **Gloucestershire:** A46 S of Stroud, A38, A417, A435, A40, A424, A436: Closed. **Dorset:** A35, A356: Closed.

Wales: N Wales: Main roads passable with care, minor roads still closed. **Mid-Wales:** Many road closures. **S Wales:** A470 Merthyr to Brecon, and valley roads closed.

Scotland: Some roads are still closed and most minor roads are not advised.

Information supplied by the AA

Anniversaries

Births: **Sir Ian Hamilton**, general, Corfu, 1853; **Robert Service**, poet, Preston, Lancs, 1874; **Gordon Craig**, stage designer and director, Stevenage, Herts, 1872.

Deaths: **Edward Gibbon**, London, 1794; **Sir John Moore**, died of his wounds at the battle of Corunna, 1809; **Leo Delibes**, composer, Paris, 1891; **Arnold Bocklin**, painter, Fiesole, Italy, *1901; **Arturo Toscanini**,* conductor, New York, 1957.

Prohibition instituted in the USA, 1920 (repealed in December 1933).

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private Member's Bill: Free Television Licences for Pensioners Bill, second reading.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.39	2.27
Austria Sch	20.30	19.20
Belgium Fr	61.05	57.65
Canada $	2.115	2.025
Denmark Kr	10.96	10.36
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.85
France Fr	9.60	9.10
Germany Dm	2.895	2.735
Greece Dr	234	214
Hong Kong $	12	11.40
Ireland Pt	1.092	1.032
Italy Lira	2055	1935
Japan Yen	243	229
Netherlands Gld	3.28	3.08
Norway Kr	11.15	10.55
Portugal Esc	218.50	208.50
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.45
Spain Pta	199.50	189.50
Sweden Kr	10.31	9.76
Switzerland Fr	2.415	2.285
USA $	1.565	1.495
Yugoslavia Dnr	875	775

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 391.7

London: The *FT* index closed up 17.9 at 1406.9.

Food prices

The weather has affected supplies of fresh vegetables, and prices have almost doubled. Carrots are between 20-30p a lb, parsnips 30-45p, onions 18-22p, swedes 15-20p, and turnips 25-30p a lb. Green vegetables such as cabbage are 24-32p a lb and *brussel sprouts 30-40p a lb but* leeks are unobtainable.

Cauliflower is available but very expensive at 90p-£1 a head. Potatoes are plentiful and still cheap at 10-14p a *lb* and mushrooms are a good buy at 40-65p a half lb. Frozen vegetables could be an attractive and time saving alternative. **Bejams** has a wide range on promotion. For example 5lb packs of green beans are £1.89, garden peas £1.45, and cauliflower florets £1.89. 2lb packs of fluted carrot rings 49p, parsnips 79p, broccoli £1.58, and farm house mixed vegetables 99p.

The best salad buys are imported Chinese leaves 40-80p a head, round lettuce 25-39p a head and tomatoes 40-70p a pound. Watercress and spring onions are not available.

Fruit prices have not changed very much but supplies in some areas could be patchy.

Surprisingly meat prices have dropped, even in the South-east. Topside, silverside and rump steak are down about 4p a lb on the average price and braising and stewing steak are also down. Leg of lamb is cheaper in the South-east but unchanged in the rest of England and Wales. All cuts of New Zealand lamb are down in price, the biggest fall on loin chops down to an average £1.52 a lb. Leg of pork is down to an average £1.07 a lb, chops are unchanged and boneless shoulder down to £1.22 a lb.

In spite of the weather there are reasonable supplies of fresh fish and prices of some varieties has dropped. Cod, codling and plaice are cheaper this week. At Billingsgate on Wednesday there was Venus clams at £1.50 a lb, turbot £4.35 a lb and red mullet £4.50 a lb. Conger eel £1.20 and from the Seychelles yellow finned tuna at £3.90 a lb. Frozen fish could be an economic alternative.

Portfolio Gold

Portfolio - how to play
Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine *your weekly Portfolio total.*

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted *for failure to contact the claims office* for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

WEATHER

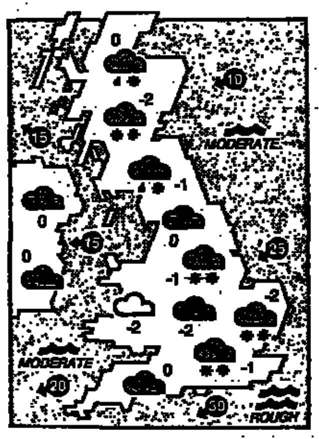
The very cold E airstream will persist. Central and eastern parts of Britain will have mainly cloudy skies and some snow showers. The showers will be most frequent in E and SE England where strong winds will continue to drift the snow. In N Ireland and western Britain it will be mainly dry with some breaks in the cloud. It will be very cold in most parts with severe frost in many places at first, and frost persisting in some central and southern regions. Outlook for the weekend: Mainly dry in the W, snow showers in the E, especially near coasts. Very cold with severe frosts overnight.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.32	6.7	2.56	6.7
Aberdeen	2.08	3.9	2.06	4.1
Avonmouth	7.59	12.2	8.22	12.0
Belfast	11.54	3.4	-	-
Cardiff	7.44	11.3	8.07	11.1
Devonport	6.33	5.3	6.55	5.0
Dover	11.50	6.1	-	-
Falmouth	6.03	5.1	6.25	4.8
Glasgow	1.45	4.3	1.24	4.8
Harwich	12.27	3.6	12.48	3.6
Holyhead	11.08	5.3	11.29	5.1
Hull	7.12	6.6	7.14	7.0
Ilfracombe	6.42	8.6	7.03	8.4
Leith	3.24	5.1	3.37	5.2
Liverpool	-	-	12.04	8.9
Lowestoft	10.40	2.2	10.17	2.4
Margate	12.34	4.5	1.03	4.4
Milford Haven	7.04	6.6	7.24	6.4
Newquay	5.54	6.6	6.14	6.4
Oban	6.36	3.8	7.01	3.7
Penzance	5.30	5.4	5.54	5.1
Portland	7.40	2.0	8.10	1.8
Portsmouth	12.6	4.3	12.11	4.3
Shoreham	11.55	5.8	-	-
Southampton	11.38	4.3	-	-
Swansea	7.09	8.8	7.31	8.6
Tees	4.27	4.9	4.34	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	12.19	3.8	12.42	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AM



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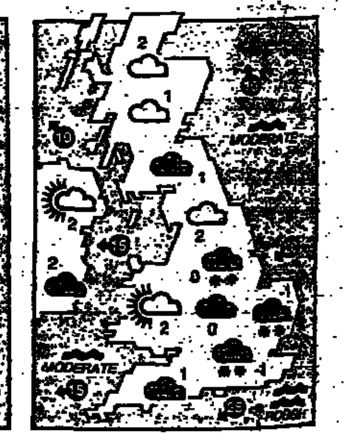

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	*				
Bridlington	-	.23	0	32	sn shwr
Cromer	-	-	-2	28	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	-3	27	cloudy
Clacton	-	-	-2	28	cloudy
Southend	-	.22	-3	27	snow
Margate	-	-	1	34	dull
Folkestone	-	.33	-4	25	snow
Hastings	-	.58	-3	27	snow
Eastbourne	*				
Brighton	-	.28	-3	27	snow
Worthing	-	.26	-1	30	snow
Littlehmptn	-	.29	-1	30	snow
Bognor R	-	.27	-1	30	snow
Southsea	-	.22	-1	30	snow
Sandown	-	.12	*	*	snow
Shanklin	-	*	-2	28	snow
Bournemouth	-	.19	-3	27	snow
Poole	-	-	-3	27	snow
Swanage	-	.15	-2	28	snow
Weymouth	-	.11	-3	27	snow
Exmouth	-	.07	-4	25	snow
Teignmouth	*				
Torquay	-	.11	-4	25	snow
Falmouth	-	-	-3	27	snow
Penzance	0.6	.28	-2	28	snow
Scilly Isles	1.0	.03	0	32	snow
Jersey	-	.35	0	32	snow
Guernsey	-	.22	1	34	snow
Newquay	-	.02	-3	27	snow
Ilfracombe	-	-	-2	28	snow
B'pool Airpt	-	-	0	32	snow
Morecambe	-	-	0	32	dull
Douglas	-	-	1	34	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	-	.26	-3	27	snow
Bristol (Ctr)	-	.11	-3	27	snow
Carlisle	-	.06	1	34	snow
London	-	.15	-2	28	snow
Manchester	0.7	.10	-1	30	snow
N'ctl-n-Tyne	-	.09	1	34	sn shwr
Nottingham	-	.38	-3	27	snow
Anglesey	-	.14	0	32	snow
Cardiff (Ctr)	-	.12	-4	25	snow
Colwyn Bay	-	-	3	37	snow
Tenby	-	-	-2	28	snow
Aberdeen	*				
Edinburgh	-	.36	1	34	sn shwr
Eskdalemuir	-	.08	-1	30	snow
Glasgow	-	.04	1	34	sn shwr
Kinloss	-	.15	0	32	snow
Lerwick	4.5	.01	2	36	sunny
Prestwick	0.5	.04	1	34	snow
Stornoway	4.7	-	1	34	sunny
Tiree	4.6	.01	1	34	sunny
Wick	-	-	2	36	snow
Belfast	-	.09	1	34	snow

These are Wednesday's figures
*Figures not available

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.52 pm to 7.28 am
Bristol 5.02 pm to 7.38 am
Edinburgh 4.42 pm to 8.02 am
Manchester 4.51 pm to 7.46 am
Penzance 5.19 pm to 7.44 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 1C (34F) : min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C (27F) Humidity: 6 pm, 74 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.03 in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1020.1 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; *f*, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	sn	2	36	Guernsey	c	0	32
B'rmgham	sn	-1	30	Inverness	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Blackpool	c	1	34	Jersey	c	1	34
Bristol	sn	0	32	London	sn	0	32
Cardiff	sn	0	32	M'nchster	sn	1	34
Edinburgh	c	2	36	Newcastle	sn	1	34
Glasgow	sl	2	36	R'nldsway	c	2	36

Sun rises: 7.59 am
Sun sets: 4.22 pm
Moon sets: 9.16 am
Moon rises: [illegible]
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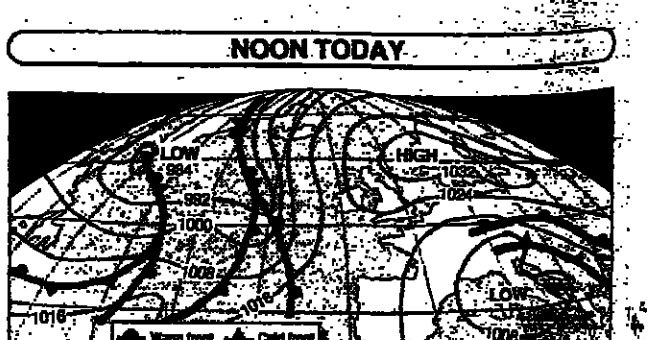
NOON TODAY



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	sl	6	43	Cologne*	s	-5	23	Majorca	c	6	43	Rome	f	7	45
Akrotiri	s	17	63	C'phagn	sn	-3	27	Malaga	r	7	45	Salzburg	[illegible]	-7	19
Alex'dria	s	17	63	Corfu	f	16	61	Malta	s	12	54	S F'risco*	f	11	52
Algiers	c	10	50	Dublin	sn	2	36	Melb'rne	s	20	68	Santiago*	[illegible]	32	90
Amst'dm	s	-7	19	Dubrovnik	c	9	48	Mexico C*	s	19	66	S Paulo*	[illegible]	32	90
Athens	f	17	63	Faro	r	10	50	Miami*	c	25	77	Seoul	[illegible]	5	41
Bahrain	s	17	63	Florence	r	4	39	Milan	c	0	32	Sing'por	d		
Barbados*	c	28	82	Frankfurt	sn	-13	9	Montreal*	c	-1	30	St'kholm	[illegible]	-13	9
Barcelna	s	7	45	Funchal	s	20	68	Moscow	s	-15	5	Strasb'g	[illegible]	-11	12
Beirut				Geneva	sn	-8	18	Munich	c	-8	18	Sydney	f	27	81
Belgrade	c	-4	25	Gibraltar	r	9	48	Nairobi	c	24	75	Tangier	f	10	50
Berlin	sn	-13	9	Helsinki	s	-13	9	Naples	c	10	50	Tel aviv	[illegible]	21	70
Bermuda*	f	18	64	Hong K	f	19	66	N Delhi	s	15	59	Tenerife	d	18	64
Biarritz	c	6	43	Innsbrck	sn	-7	19	N York*	s	9	48	Tokyo	[illegible]	12	54
Borde'x	c	-6	21	Istanbul	f	13	55	Nice	f	7	45	Toronto*	s	5	41
Boul'ne				Jeddah	s	33	91	Oslo	s	-11	12	Tunis	f	11	52
Brussels	c	-10	14	Jo'burg*	f	26	79	Paris				Valencia	s	7	45
Budapest	sn	0	32	Karachi	c			Peking	s	-1	30	Vanc'ver*	s	1	34
B Aires*	f	26	79	L Palmas	s	20	68	Perth	s	27	81	Venice	[illegible]	-1	30
Cairo	s	22	72	Lisbon	s	9	48	Prague	sn	-9	16	Vienna	sn	-8	16
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	c	2	36	Reykjvik	c	3	37	Warsaw	[illegible]	-15	5
C'blanca	r	11	52	L Angels*	s	16	61	Rhodes	s	16	61	Wash'ton*	f	10	50
Chicago*	f	6	43	Luxembg	sn	-11	12	Rio de J	f	29	84	Wel'ton	d	19	66
Ch'church	s	28	82	Madrid	f	4	39	Riyadh	s	19	66	Zurich	[illegible]	-8	18

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1406.9 (+17.9)

FT-SE 100
1789.0 (+23.8)

Bargains
36510 (28431)

USM (Datastream)
137.2 (+0.09)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.5050 (+0.0005)

W German mark
2.7587 (–0.0103)

Trade-weighted
68.3 (same)

Green Giant site plan by Regalian

Regalian Properties, the residential developer which made its name transforming rundown council estates into desirable homes, has bought a riverside site next to London's Vauxhall Bridge which was once to become the controversial Green Giant office block.

Regalian plans a £60 million, 280-home development on the four-acre site on the south bank. The developer will have to wait for a Department of Environment decision on its scheme.

Gillespie back at News Int

Mr Bill Gillespie, above, has rejoined Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International as general manager, special projects, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Gillespie, who was managing director of Times Newspapers, left the company last June to be chief executive of the British Newspaper Printing Corporation, owned by Mr Robert Maxwell, but later left "by mutual consent".

THF ahead

Trusthouse Forte, the hotel and catering group, has reported pretax profits for the year to the end of October up from £129.6 million to £136 million. Turover rose 19 per cent from £1,244.5 million to £1,476.5 million.

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Acatos first

Acatos & Hutcheson, the second largest producer of edible oils in Britain, has produced its first results as a publicly-quoted company, showing pretax profits for the year to the end of September up from £4 million to £7.3 million. Turnover fell 29 per cent to £188.9 million.

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Beecham sells

Beecham, the pharmaceutical group, is continuing its rationalization programme with the sale of Diplona, the West German company which produces a range of shampoos, for at least £5 million. The buyer is Nowas Cosmetics.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2056.81 (+21.80)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	Closed
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2559.12 (–19.11)
Amsterdam: Gen	272.9 (+2.8)
Sydney: AO	1540.3 (+14.2)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1916.7 (+17.2)
Brussels:	
General	3999.47 (+9.18)
Paris: CAC	418.1 (+4.3)
Zurich: SKA Gen	554.90 (+2.10)
London: FT. A	n/a.
FT. Gilts	85.70 (+0.88)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank $11\tfrac{1}{8}$-11%
3-month eligible bills: $10\tfrac{11}{16}$-$10\tfrac{5}{8}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate $7\tfrac{1}{2}$%
Federal Funds $5\tfrac{15}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.36-5.34%*
30-year bonds $101\tfrac{5}{16}$-$101\tfrac{3}{8}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5050	$: £1.5045*
£: DM2.7587	$: DM1.8435*
£: SwFr2.3087	$: SwFr1.5460*
£: FFr9.2031	$: FFr6.1555*
£: Yen230.28	$: Yen153.50*
£: Index:68.3	$: Index:104.9
ECU £0.744767	SDR £0.837039

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
ICI	1200p (+13p)
Pilkington Bros	664p (+33p)
Jones Stroud	257p (+12p)
Beggeridge Brick	545p (+17p)
J Hewitt	223p (+13p)
Diploma	256p (+11p)
Electrocompoents	420p (+17p)
Eurotherm Int	338p (+28p)
First Securities	260p (+10p)
GKN	301p (+9p)
AC Holdings	430p (+35p)
THF	191p (+11p)
Morgan Grenfell	424p (+13p)
BOC	393p (+10p)
Reuters	608p (+20p)
Beecham	482p (+12p)
Barclays	537p (+13p)
Woolworth	689p (+9p)
FALLS:	
ASDA-MFI	150p (–4p)
BTR	287p (–4p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $415.00 pm-$416.25
close $415.25-415.75 (£275.50-276.00)
New York:
Comex $414.60-415.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm $18.85bbl ($18.80)
* Denotes latest trading price

Insider dealing feared in glass bid

BTR calls for share inquiry

By Colin Narbrongh

A new investigation into suspicious share price movements was requested yesterday in connection with the decision by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, not to refer BTR's £1.1 billion hostile bid for Pilkington Brothers, the glassmaker, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

BTR, the industrial conglomerate, asked the Stock Exchange to investigate trading in Pilkington's shares late on Wednesday. The market has attributed the trading to a possible leak of inside information on the imminent merger ruling.

Peculiar share price movements, also suggesting that someone was acting on inside knowledge, occurred the day before BTR started to build up a stake in Pilkington after launching its bid last November.

Wednesday's dealings sent Pilkington up 40p to 660p in hectic trading. At 9am yesterday, the DTI announced that Mr Channon would not be referring the bid, despite political pressure.

Paul Channon: resisted *pressure for a referral*

In the City and Parliament, the BTR bid has been widely seen as a glaring example of how British manufacturing industry is increasingly falling prey to "City slickers" with no long-term commitment to industry's well-being.

Commenting on the BTR decision, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Selly Oak, Birmingham, said: "It is a great pity that Mr Chamnon did not use this opportunity to refer this bid so that the whole future of manufacturing industry could have been examined calmly."

After closing 25p higher on Wednesday, Pilkington's shares moved up another 33p on Mr Channon's announcement. Pilkington's brokers also drew the Stock Exchange's attention to the unexplained price jumps.

Pilkington said it welcomed Mr Channon's view, expressed in his merger ruling announcement, that the company's management philosophy and commercial direction were "important issues," which could be affected by the proposed takeover.

Pilkington, expected to issue its defence tomorrow, expressed confidence that shareholders would recognize the benefits it could offer. BTR has until Saturday next week to improve its 540p per share offer. Market speculation is that it could rise to nearly 700p.

A Stock Exchange spokesman said the inquiry request was being considered but that it was too early to speak of a full-scale investigation. The request was seen in Whitehall as something of an overreaction, given that Pilkington had based its defence on the assumption that there would be no referral.

DTI examines Dewar's trade mark deal

By Lawrence Lever

The Department of Trade and Industry inspectors are looking closely at the way in which Schenley Industries, the United States distributor, acquired the right to the trade mark of Dewar's whisky for Guinness in the US.

Market estimates suggest that the brand name could be worth £200 million. Schenley's parent supported Guinness in its takeover of Distillers last year and it has admitted breaching the Companies Act by failing to declare its stake of more than 5 per cent in Guinness.

Schenley's contract to distribute Dewar's was renewed by Distillers early last year after Guinness had launched a bid for the Scottish drinks company. It later emerged as a buyer of Guinness shares, purchasing about 17 million during the company's bid for Distillers.

It has recently acquired the right to distribute another Distillers product — Gordon's Gin — in the US.

The involvement of Schenley, a subsidiary of the Rapid American Corporation, owned by Mr Meshulam Riklis, was detailed in the letter written by Mr Olivier Roux, outlining the price support operations carried out to boost Guinness shares during its bid for Distillers.

One area of concern is the fact that Guinness has assigned the Dewar's trademark to Schenley.

Guinness, in a statement yesterday, explained that the assignment of the trade mark was necessary to protect the Dewar's brand

Guinness added: "A conditional assignment of a trademark for the US market is the best legal choice to enable action against the threat to the brands."

Schenley disclosed only recently the fact that its purchases of Guinness shares had taken it over the 5 per cent mark. Under British law anyone acquiring a stake of 5 per cent or more in a public company must notify the company.

Schenley said that its failure to do so was because of ignorance of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1985.

Dr Arthur Fürer, the Guinness director who was asked to resign on Wednesday, will not hand in his resignation until he can do so in a manner that will leave him free of any inference that he has behaved wrongly.

The spokemsan said that Dr Fürer learned of the bank's involvement with Guinness only after the event and abstained from voting at the board meeting at which the transactions were approved.

Focus on Boesky payments

From Bailey Morris in Washington

The US Securities and Exchange Commission has subpoenaed the confidential records of the New York accountancy firm which handled the books of the Ivan Boesky partnership in which Guinness invested $100 million (£69 million).

The investigation is believed to focus on whether Mr Boesky made illegal payments to Drexel Burnham Lambert, the investment house.

The SEC is reported to have ordered the firm of Oppenheim, Appel & Dixon to turn over confidential records of fees paid by Mr Boesky to Drexel.

SEC officials are attempting to discover whether fees listed by Mr Boesky in payment of financial services were actually made to Drexel employees for information about corporate takeovers, the report said.

SEC officials confirmed they were examining the "golden triangle" of specialists involved in takeovers as part of the insider trading inquiry. These included corporate raiders, investment banks and specialists such as lawyers and accountants, who have advance knowledge of mergers.

The Oppenheim accountancy firm worked for the Ivan F Boesky Corporation, his primary investment fund until last March, and for Ivan F Boesky & Company LP, a successor investment company for Mr Boesky and his partners, including Guinness, industry sources said.

Other companies being questioned include Turner Broadcasting Systems, Pacific Lumber Company, Maxxam Group, Diamond Shamrock Corporation and Lorimar-Telepictures Corporation.

The firms are believed not to be suspected of wrongdoing. The SEC appears to be looking for information that will shed more light on Drexel's activities.

Officials of Lorimar-Telepictures confirmed yesterday that they had received an SEC subpoena in January in connection with the insider trading inquiry.

Furner Broadcasting also said it had received an SEC subpoena in connection with negotiations leading to its acquisition of MGM-UA Entertainment Company in March last year.

Sir Gordon Borrie throws down a challenge

Step up the competition

By Colin Narbrongh

A call for competition policy to be pursued with still greater vigour — not less — if British exporters are to be more successful in world markets was made yesterday by Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of Fair Trading.

He was responding to the attempts by the Confederation of British Industry to persuade the Government to soften its emphasis on competition in its merger policy.

Mr David Nickson, the CBI president, this week told Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, that in merger rulings more importance should be given to the international scale of markets.

Addressing the London Business School, Sir Gordon said: "The promotion of competition and deregulation in domestic markets could generally be expected to improve efficiency and the international competiveness of (UK) firms." This applied not only to industry.

Sir Gordon Borrie: The way to efficiency

He said: "Deregulation of financial and professional services contributes directly and indirectly to the UK's effects in overseas markets." If a truly European common market was achieved in insurance, financial and other services, British companies would be much better placed to win business.

Where mergers were concerned, conflicts might arise between competition at home and international competitiveness, but Sir Gordon said that existing legislation, aimed primarily at promoting the public interest, provided the means of assessing the evidence and reaching an overall judgement.

He dismissed suggestions that the Office of Fair Trading took inadequate account of import competition, saying that this was taken into consideration in precisely the same way as competition from British industry. Recommendations not to refer a bid had often been made where there was real competition from abroad.

But Sir Gordon was wary of the argument that mergers between British firms were justified by the need to thrive on overseas markets, and he was not convinced size always related to efficiency.

He said that it was naturally always open to those involved in a merger to convince the Monopolies Commission of the merits of their cases.

Eliminating competition in the British market was sometimes justified if there were benefits to Britain in the export market. Here again it was right for the Monopolies Commissiom to insist on a case being made for approval.

Home loans soar to £36bn

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Building society lending to homebuyers soared last year to a record £36.6 billion, up 38 per centon 1985, as the societies struggled to satisfy a continuously heavy demand for mortgages, according to figures from the Building Societies Association yesterday.

But over the same period, societies saw their net retail receipts — money flowing into deposit accounts from the public — drop for the third year in succession, forcing the societies to borrow twice as much as last year from the wholesale money markets.

High lending and lower deposits helped push down the average liquidity ratio for the industry to 16.4 per cent, the lowest level this decade.

It was the third year running in which the societies made more than a million loans, with about half going to first-time buyers. "The public's demand for mortgages is insatiable," Abbey National, the second largest society, said. "There are not even seasonal variations any more. The demand is always strong."

Many societies have greatly overshot their lending targets to meet the demand. The Abbey had a lending target of £4.5 billion during the year but lent more than £6 billion.

Although gross retail receipts climbed to a record £70 billion, withdrawals also hit a high of £63 billion for the year, giving a net total of £6.6 billion compared with £8.5 billion in 1984.

The societies blamed the lack of deposits partly on the success of the Government's privatization programme which had diverted about £700 million of savers' money into the stock market.

They said there had also been strong competition for deposits from other institutions, particuarly the high street banks.

The drop in retail funds, however, would not lead to mortgage queues, the societies said. There were enough lenders in the mortgage market to prevent the reappearance of queues, and if societies became short of funds they could borrow more from the wholesale markets.

The societies' borrowing from the money markets doubled to £6 billion during the year.

Driving to success: Arthur Townsend with the transport minister (right)

'Conductor' in buyout

Mr Arthur Townsend, a former bus conductor who is now the longest serving and oldest managing director of a National Bus Company subsidiary, yesterday completed the management buyout of his company, The City of Oxford Motor Services.

The offer from a team of seven managers, led by Mr Townsend, beat rival bids from two private transport companies. Mr Townsend, aged 58, has worked for NBC since 1949.

Mr David Mitchell, Minister of Transport, said he had no doubt City of Oxford would rise to the challenge of free competition.

The subsidiary operates 157 vehicles in and around the City of Oxford and run coaches on the Oxford City Link, an *express service (pictured above)* to London, Heathrow and Gatwick.

H&WT treaty brings victory for Murdoch

By Richard Lander

Mr Rupert Murdoch appears set to win his epic Aus$2.3 billion (£1.046 billion) battle for Australia's Herald and Weekly Times television, radio and newspaper group after reaching agreement with his rival bidder, Mr Robert Holmes à Court.

In a statement issued jointly with Mr Murdoch yesterday, Mr Holmes à Court withdrew his bid for H&WT. As part of the deal, he will buy H&WT's three Perth newspapers and HSV-7 in Melbourne, one of its two television stations, for Aus$460 million should Mr Murdoch's bid succeed.

Mr Holmes à Court has also agreed to drop all legal proceedings against News Corporation and other companies under Mr Murdoch's control. Mr Murdoch raised his stake in H&WT from 13.1 to 15.9 per cent in the market on Tuesday after an injunction restraining him from owning more than 15 per cent was lifted.

The agreement ends a six-week battle for Australia's largest media empire. The battle started with a $12-a-share bid by Mr Murdoch on December 3.

The News Corporation bid was backed by H&WT but the board swung behind Mr Holmes à Court, who counterbid with $13 on December 23, raised to $13.50 on New Year's Eve. However, Mr Murdoch regained the target company's favour with a $15 bid last week.

The battle was complicated when John Fairfax, Australia's third media force, weighed in with a $910 million offer for Queensland Press, which has large cross-holdings with H&WT. The offer, raised to $1.1 billion on Tuesday after a counterbid from Mr Murdoch, has now effectively lapsed because it depended on Mr Holmes à Court's H&WT bid succeeding. Analysts said Mr Murdoch might reintroduce his offer for Queensland, having been pledged Mr Holmes à Court's 12 per cent stake as part of their deal.

Apart from the sales arranged with Mr Holmes à Court, Mr Murdoch has told the Trade Practices Commission that he will sell two newspapers in Brisbane and one in Adelaide owned by News Corporation to avoid monopoly questions. He also intends to comply with new legislation separating broadcasting and print ownership by selling its five radio stations and its other TV channel.

'Statement by Tyzack premature'

Statements that an approach had been made to the Sheffield engineer WA Tyzack which could lead to a bid were "premature", the board of Noble and Lund, the Gateshead machine tools group, said yesterday.

Noble and Lund's chairman, London share dealer Mr Terence Galgey made the approach to Tyzack's chairman Mr Neville Hughes on Wednesday. His request for an informal chat was rebuffed, and Tyzack called in the merchant banker Rea Brothers.

Mr Brian Schneider of Rea Brothers said yesterday a statement was obligatory under the takeover code after a sharp rise in the company's share price.

Tyzack shares rose from 62p early last week to 95p before the Tyzack announcement was made, when they climbed a further 8p. The movements are now being investigated by the Stock Exchange.

Simòn bid raised to £202m

By Alison Eadie

Valuedale, the shelf company attempting a management buyout of Simon Engineering, has raised its bid to £202.3 million from £174.3 million and declared it final.

The basic structure of the bid remains a mixture of Valuedale shares and cash with Simon shareholders retaining a stake in the company. However, the mix has been altered in part to answer criticisms made by Simon.

Simon shareholders will retain 85 per cent of the company, after conversion of the deferred shares held by incoming management, instead of 62

The lead bank has been changed from Citibank, which was providing a £100 million loan, to Morgan Guaranty, which will provide £90 million. Morgan is also providing £70 million in bonding facilities.

The institutional backers will be providing £10 million instead of £19 million previously. Because of the change in the capital structure and the rise in the stock market since the first bid last November, Valuedale ordinary shares are now rated at 125p

The terms are now one Valuedale share, 50p worth of Valuedale preference shares and 150p cash worth a total of 325p.

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WALL STREET

Blue chips try to keep rally going

New York (Agencies) – Shares rose in early trading yesterday as blue chips attempted to extend Wall Street's rally into a ninth consecutive session.

Shares were helped by the bond market, which rose in response to the steadier dollar and on speculation that West Germany and Japan will eventually have to cut their interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 9.28 points to 2,044.29. *Rising shares outnumbered falling ones by three to two on a volume of 18 million shares.* General Electric was up by 1⅛ to 92⅛.

On Wednesday, shares soared to their eighth record close running. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 22.07 points to 2,035.01. The number of shares traded expanded from Tuesday's 170.94 million to 215.28 million.

A strong oil sector, soaring semiconductor shares and broad gains in computer stocks led the day's advance.

The Dow Jones transportation average rose by 1.69 to 852.71.

	Jan 14	Jan 13
AMR	54⅜	55⅛
ASA	40⅛	38⅞
Aetna Life	60⅜	60½
Allied Signal	45	44⅞
Allis Chlmrs	2⅝	2¾
Alcoa	40	38¾
Amax Inc	14½	13½
Am'rda Hs	26⅜	25¾
Am Brands	46⅝	46½
Am Can	90½	91
Am Cynm'd	82⅜	81¾
Am El Pwr	29¼	29⅛
Am Express	63¼	62½
Am Home	83	81¼
Am Motors	3⅛	3½
Am St'nrd	44⅛	44⅛
Am Teleph	25⅜	25⅛
Amoco	72⅜	71⅞
Armco Steel	6⅛	6¼
Asarco	17⅛	17
Ashland Oil	58⅛	58½
At Richfield	68	67¼
Avon Prods	27½	26½
Bkrs Tst NY	49⅛	49¼
Bankamer	14⅛	14⅞
Bk of Bston	45¼	45¼
Bank of NY	41½	41⅛
Beth Steel	7⅞	7⅛
Boeing	51½	52½
Bse Cascde	70	67¾
Brden	51⅜	51⅛
Bg Warner	40⅜	40
Brist Myers	88⅜	87
BP	48	47
Burl'ton Ind	43⅜	43½
Burl'ton Ntn	63	60⅛
Brunswick	37⅛	37
Cmpbell Sp	58½	57⅞
Can Pacific	14⅜	14½
Caterpiller	43	42⅞
Celanese	241	241½
Central SW	37	37¼
Champion	35⅜	35⅛
Chase Man	38½	38⅜
Chm Bk NY	45⅞	45⅛
Chevron	50¾	49¾
Chrysler	44¼	42⅞
Citicorp	55½	56
Clark Equip	21⅜	20⅝
Coca Cola	38½	38⅛
Colgate	43⅛	44⅛
CBS	138¾	137
C'lmbia Gas	51½	49⅛
Cmb'tn Eng	34½	34⅛
Comwlth Ed	36⅜	36⅞
Cons Edis	49⅞	49¼
Cn Nat Gas	36⅜	35⅝
Cons Power	16	16
Cntrl Data	25¼	25½
Corning Gl	58⅛	58⅛
CPC Intl	86⅛	84⅞
Crane	38½	38⅜
Curtiss Wrt	54⅜	54⅛
Data Genl.	35½	35⅛
Deere	24½	24½
Delta Air	50¾	50½
Detroit Ed	18	18⅜
Digital Eq	130	118⅜
Disney	50⅜	50
Dow Chem	65¼	63⅞
Dresser Ind	23½	23½
Duke Power	48⅜	48½
Du Pont	94¼	93⅜
Estm Kodak	74⅜	72⅞
Eaton Corp	76	76⅜
Emerson El	92⅜	91⅛
Emery Air	13	12⅞
Exxon Corp	76¼	75⅞
Fed Dpt Sts	87⅜	85½

	Jan 14	Jan 13
Firestone	29⅛	29⅜
Fst Chicago	31⅜	32½
Fst Int Bncp	56⅜	56⅜
Fst Penn C	9⅜	9⅜
Ford	68¾	65¼
FT Wachva	40⅜	40¼
GAF Corp	39⅜	40¼
GTE Corp	60⅜	61
Gen Corp	77⅜	78⅛
Gen Dy'mcs	76	74⅜
Gen Electric	91	90⅜
Gen Inst	21¼	20½
Gen Mills	45⅜	45¼
Gen Motors	67½	68
Gn Pb Ut ny	24½	24⅜
Genesco	3⅝	3¾
Georgia Pac	44½	43
Gillete	52⅜	52¼
Goodrich	49⅛	48⅛
Goodyear	45⅜	44¾
Gould Inc	19¼	19
Grace	52⅜	52⅜
Gt Att & Tac	25⅞	26
Gr'hnd	33⅜	34
Gruman Cor	25⅜	25⅜
Gulf & West	67⅜	67⅜
Heinz H.J.	43⅜	43⅜
Hercules	54	52⅜
H'lett-Pkrd	49¼	47
Honeywell	59⅜	60⅜
IC Inds	24½	24⅜
Ingersoll	64	61½
Inland Steel	21	21½
IBM	118¼	116⅜
INCO	13⅜	13
Int Paper	86½	83½
Int Tel Tel	57½	57¼
Irving Bank	50½	50⅜
Jhnsn & Jhn	70	68½
Kaiser Alum	15	14⅜
Kerr McGee	31	31⅜
Kmb'ly Clrk	94⅞	93¼
K Mart	46¾	47⅜
Kroger	31½	31½
L.T.V. Corp	2⅜	2⅝
Litton	80½	81¼
Lockheed	52⅜	52½
Lucky Strs	27¼	27⅜
Man H'nver	47½	47¼
Manville Cp	2	2
Mapco	60⅜	59⅜
Marine Mid	50⅜	50⅛
Mrt Marietta	41¼	40⅜
Masco	32⅜	32
McDonalds	63½	64¼
McDonnell	77⅞	77
Mead	65⅛	64⅜
Merck	127⅞	126⅜
Mnnsta Mng	120⅜	117¾
Mobil Oil	44⅛	43⅜
Monsanto	82⅜	81⅞
Morgan J.P.	89⅜	89⅛
Motorola	43⅞	40⅜
NCR Corp	53¼	51¼
NL Indstrs	5⅜	5⅜
Nat Distlrs	50⅜	50½
Nat Med Ent	23⅜	23⅜
Nat Smcndt	13⅜	12⅜
Norfolk Sth	89½	89
NW Bancrp	41½	40⅜
Occdnt Pet	31⅜	31¼
Ogden	49⅜	49½
Olin Corp	47⅞	47⅜
Owens-Ill	54½	54½
Pac Gas El	25⅛	25¼
Pan Am	4⅜	4¼
Penney J.C.	77¾	78⅜
Pennzoil	71	72
Pepsico	29	28¼

	Jan 14	Jan 13
Pfizer	65	64½
Phelps Dge	25⅛	24½
Philip Mrs	79½	79½
Phillips Pet	13⅜	12¾
Polaroid	71¼	71⅞
PPG Ind	80⅛	80⅜
Prctr Gmbl	81¼	80⅜
Pb S E & G	43	43½
Raytheon	73⅜	72¾
Rynlds Met	47⅜	46½
Rockwell Int	50⅜	50⅜
Royal Dutch	101⅞	100
Sara Lee	38⅜	37⅜
SFE Sopac	31¾	32
Schl'berger	37	36¾
Scott Paper	70⅜	69
Seagram	66⅜	65⅜
Sears Rbck	44¼	43¾
Shell Trans	62⅜	61⅛
Singer	42⅜	41⅞
Smthkln Bk	97⅜	96⅜
Sony	21¼	21
Sth Cal Ed	35¾	35⅜
S'Wstn Bell	118⅜	116⅛
Std Oil	57¼	57
Sterling Drg	48⅜	48⅜
Stevens JP	41¼	41
Sun Comp	61⅛	60
Teledyne	307⅞	307
Tenneco	41⅛	41¾
Texaco	38⅜	38⅜
Texas E Cor	32½	31⅛
Texas Inst	134	125¾
Texas Utils	33⅜	33¼
Textron	67⅞	67⅜
Travlrs Cor	47½	48⅜
TRW Inc	91⅜	90
UAL Inc	53½	53⅜
Unilever NV	249⅜	243¼
Unisys	89⅛	87½
Un Carbide	25⅜	25
Un Pac Cor	69⅛	67⅜
Utd Brands	38½	38½
USG Corp	40⅜	40⅜
Utd Technol	48⅜	47⅜
USX Corp	23¼	24
Unocal	29⅛	29¼
Jim Walter	52½	51⅜
Wrner Lmbt	60⅜	60⅜
Wells Fargo	110⅜	109
W'sghse El	62½	62⅜
Weyerh'ser	44⅛	42⅜
Whirlpool	36⅞	36
Woolworth	43⅛	43⅜
Xerox Corp	66¼	64⅜
Zenith	24¾	24¼

CANADIAN PRICES

	Jan 14	Jan 13
Agnco Eag	31½	31⅛
Alcn Alum	43	42⅛
Algoma Stl	10⅜	10⅛
Can Pacific	17¼	19⅜
Cominco	14⅜	14½
Con Bathrst	30⅛	31⅛
Hkr/Sid Can	26¼	26⅜
Hdsn B Mn	24	23¾
Imasco	35⅜	35⅛
Imperial Oil	42⅜	53⅜
In Pipe	42⅜	42½
Ryl Trustco	31½	31¼
Seagram	90⅜	90⅜
Steel Co	19	18⅜
Thmsn N 'A'	31⅜	31½
Varity Corp	2.66	2.65
WCT	14⅜	14⅛
Weston	34	33½

APPOINTMENTS

Northern Engineering names new director

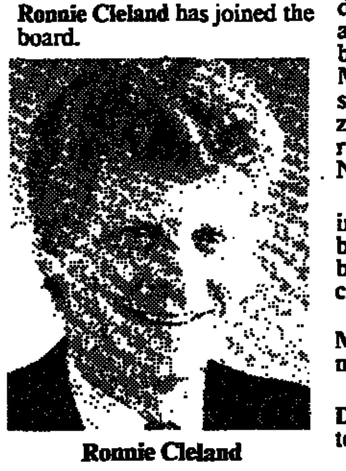
Northern Engineering Industries: **Mr Brian Baker** has joined the main board.

Grosvenor Square Properties Group: **Mr David Griffiths, Mr Timothy Bowen, Mr Alan Tomsett** and **Mr Maxwell Creasey** have become directors.

Christopher Morgan & Partners (formerly Christopher Morgan Marketing and PR): **Mr Simon Rostron** and **Miss Anna Campbell** have been made partners.

Colegrave Group: **Mr Tracy Benjamin** has been appointed a director.

Selection Thomson: **Mr Ronnie Cleland** has joined the board.



Ronnie Cleland

Efamol Holdings: **Mr James McAinsh** has been made managing director of Efamol Ltd.

Bayer: **Dr Manfred Schneider** has joined the board of management.

Ratners (Jewellers): **Mr Victor Ratner** has been made deputy managing director and **Mr John Hughes** joins the board as retail operations director. **Mr Derek Hiett, Mr Robert Smith** and **Mr Simon Taylor** have joined the board of Ratners Ltd. **Mr Henry Cabey** and **Mr Barry Glynn** have been appointed to the board of Mondales. **Mr Michael Allchin, Mr Roger Clark,** ***Mr Paul Cumming*** and **Mr Michael Hoath** have joined the board of H Samuel. **Mr Paul Smith** becomes a director of Terry's. **Mr Roger Day** has joined the board of Watches of Switzerland.

Intergroup: **Mr Lance Smith** and **Mr John Farrell** become chief executives of International Marketing & Promotions, Summit Creative Services, Marketing Drive, B&B D'Arcy and 199. **Mr Chris Satterthwaite** is promoted to managing director of IMP.

United Magazines: **Mr Alan Swinburne** becomes financial director. **Mr Clifford Jakes** and **Mr Andrew Ross** join the board of Punch Publications. **Mr Melvyn Phillips** is named sales director of United Magazine Distribution with responsibility for the Newstrade Link division.

The City of London Building Society: **Mr TD Barry** has been elected chairman of the board and **Mr PA Bull** deputy chairman.

Senior Engineering Group: **Mr R Evans** has been made a non-executive director.

ICL (UK): **Mr Michael Dolan** has been named director, defence region.

Michael Peters Group: **Mr Ian Farnfield** has become chief executive and **Miss Pamela Conway** group marketing and executive director. **Mrs Fiona Gilmore** has been appointed managing director of Michael Peters & Partners.

Mornington Building Society: **Mr Michael Boohan** is now vice chairman.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

Boost for unemployment blackspots, but long-term problems remain

Across the jobs divide

The Government yesterday used the latest unemployment figures to hit back at its critics in the debate over the North-South economic divide in Britain.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, said that over the past year unemployment had fallen fastest in the unemployment blackspots.

"During the past six months unemployment has fallen by more than 100,000, the best performance since 1973," he said. "But even more, the fall in unemployment over the year has been greatest in the North, Wales, the North-west and West Midlands."

The picture is in marked contrast to the results of the 1984 Labour Force Survey, published last week, which showed that most job losses in the early 1980s were in the North.

The figures show that the jobless total in the North-west has fallen by 8,400 over the past year, with a 7,000 fall in the North (mainly the North-east counties), 6,200 in the West Midlands and 5,800 in Wales.

But the South-east experienced a jobless fall of 7,400, bigger than in three of the regions cited by Lord Young. And in Scotland, unemployment rose by 13,300.

Department of Employment officials explained that the Secretary of State's *comparison was based on* unemployment rates in the regions. Thus, the unemployment rate in Wales dropped by 0.5 points to 13.4 per cent; the rate in the North also fell by 0.5, but to 15.9 per cent.

In the North-west, the drop has been by 0.3 points to 13.6 per cent and in the West Midlands also by 0.3 points to 13.2 per cent. The jobless fall in the South-east was large in absolute terms but the rate was down by only 0.1 points to 8.2 per cent.

The puzzling aspect of the fall in unemployment in at least some of the previously recession-hit regions is that it has come about in spite of a continued decline in manufacturing employment for the country as a whole.

Manufacturing employment in Great Britain fell by *149,000 in the 12 months to* November. This suggests either that manufacturing in these regions bucked the national trend or, more likely, that unemployment fell for other reasons.

The most powerful factor is *likely to have been the* Government's special measures and, more recently, the Restart scheme.

The regions with the highest unemployment rates also had the highest proportion of long-term unemployed. The Community Programme for the long-term unemployed is reducing unemployment nationally by 5,000 a month. It follows that a substantial proportion of this reduction is in the job blackspot regions.

Under the Restart scheme, begun on a nationwide basis in July, 690,000 long-term unemployed people had been interviewed by last month. Of *these, 147,000* — nearly a quarter — had left the unemployment register as a result.

Most, 61,000, had gone into Restart training courses. But others were directed into other training (11,000), Community Programmes (18,000), Job Clubs (5,700), self employment through Enterprise Allowances (2,000), Jobstart (3,000), voluntary work (1,200) and even jobs *(5,000).*

Again, it is likely that a substantial proportion of the fall in unemployment in the regions cited by Lord Young was due to Restart.

"The Restart campaign is helping to reduce unemployment among the long-term unemployed group of people but it is not the only explanation for the fall," Lord Young said yesterday.

However, Restart has removed *147,000 people* from the unemployment register over the past six months and while some of them would have undoubtedly moved out of unemployment in any case, this is greater than the 103,000 drop in the adult jobless.

In June 1979, the unemployment rate in the northern region was 6.8 per cent. If the rate continued falling at the same pace as last year, it would take until the year 2005 for it to return to the 1979 level.

The picture is even worse for the West Midlands, where it would take 30 years at the present rate of reduction for unemployment to equal its June 1979 rate of 4.2 per cent.

In the North-west, the rate of unemployment in June 1979 was 5.3 per cent. It is now 13.6 per cent. In Wales, the rate is 13.4 per cent, compared with 5.7 per cent in June 1979. The national rate of unemployment in June 1979 was 4.2 per cent. On a comparable basis, it is now 11.3 per cent.

David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Jobless young and old, but schemes are helping the long-term unemployed

REGIONAL JOBLESS

	Total jobless	Change on month	Rate (%)
South-east	764,000	+3,500	8.4
East Anglia	81,900	+900	8.9
South-west	205,200	+1,400	10.2
West Midlands	336,500	-2,000	13.6
East Midlands	198,500	+800	11.1
Yorks & Humberside	309,800	+1,000	13.5
North-west	436,800	+1,100	14.1
North	228,300	-100	16.6
Wales	173,500	+200	14.1
Scotland	*365,200*	*+5,100*	14.5
Northern Ireland	128,800	+400	19

Calcutt to head Lloyd's appeals

By Alison Eadie

Lord Wilberforce, the former Lord of Appeal, is standing down as president of the Lloyd's Appeal Tribunal. His place will be taken by Mr David Calcutt, QC, who has been deputy president since February 1983.

Lord Wilberforce's most famous case in his four-year tenure was the appeal by Mr Ian Posgate, a former underwriter, against expulsion from Lloyd's. Although Lord Wilberforce substituted a six-month suspension on Mr Posgate in place of expulsion, in a further appeal he upheld Lloyd's right to find Mr Posgate "not fit and proper" to do business in the Lloyd's market.

Lloyd's also announced yesterday that it was forming a broker regulation committee to be chaired by Mr Alan Parry, a deputy chairman of Lloyd's. The committee will formulate draft proposals for regulating Lloyd's brokers, which should be ready by the early autumn, Mr Alan Lord, Lloyd's chief executive, said.

New rules to regulate brokers have taken much longer than expected to draw up due to the amount of time Lloyd's has devoted to preparing evidence for the committee of inquiry chaired by Sir Patrick Neill. The Neill report will be published next Thursday.

Lloyd's also unveiled its new membership booklet — a direct response to Sir Patrick's criticism of the standard of literature available.

The booklet has a section on questions to ask members' agents, including the size of fees charged and whether names have sustained material losses in the past.

Predators poised to make their move into hotels

Brighter prospects for bookings mean there will be plenty of room for takeover manoeuvres

Prospects of a better year for the hotel industry could be the signal for a spate of takeover activity in the sector.

The shares of hotel companies were unwanted for most of last year as the industry grappled with the problems caused by a dramatic drop in the number of American visitors.

The Libya affair and the Chernobyl disaster prompted President Reagan to tell people that Europe was too dangerous to visit. With the dollar buying fewer pounds, they took his advice and stayed at home.

British hotels closed rooms and laid off staff. In June alone, tourism from the United States was 48 per cent down on the same time in 1985.

***But the industry is much* more optimistic about this year, which could cause a rush to buy hotels before they become too expensive.**

Mr Roger Holt, of the British Incoming Tour Operators Association, said: "The signs are good. A lot of marketing has been going on to get the Americans back over here. We won't be returning to record levels of 1985 but business should be good."

Mr Oliver Hoare, of Kleinwort Grieveson, the stockbroker, said: "American tourists are coming back but slowly and it should be remembered that the dollar rate is not as favourable for them as it was in 1985. We are facing a crucial time when people are deciding where to go for their holidays and provided there are no major disturbances things should be a lot better."

***Mr Ivan Cooper, hotel* consultant with Jackson Stops & Staff, the auctioneer, points out that about 10,000 additional beds will be needed in London over the next two years and 20,000 by the early 1990s.**

Many of the big hotel companies, anxious to cash in on the expected demand, may launch bids to increase the size of their chains. "The big problem is that the leading companies want hotels with at least 100 rooms and there are just not enough of these on the market," Mr Cooper said.

But competition to expand could force the larger hotel operators — particularly those which are part of the big brewing groups — to pay *unrealistically high prices.*

These can be justified while occupancy levels remain high and tariffs can be raised accordingly — but any sudden fall in occupancy can plunge an hotel into loss. However, the industry is much more stable than it was in the turbulent 1970s and generally enjoys round-the-year business.

Even last year's drop in American visitors was not as disastrous as it could have been because many operators looked to the Continent to attract tourists.

Mr Bruce Jones, of Kitcat and Aitken, the stockbroker, says: "The industry cannot do any worse than last year and should do a lot better. Hotel companies are less dependent on Americans than they used to be." He is looking for an increase in earnings of about 20 per cent throughout the leisure sector.

So which are the companies to watch ?

The brewers are never likely to be far from any bid activity. Greenall Whitley is keen to expand its De Vere Hotels operation, whose flagship, the Grand Hotel in Brighton, was reopened in the summer after extensive repairs following the bombing of the Conservative Party conference delegates staying there.

Mr Hoare points to the attractions of Norfolk Capital – one of the few companies exclusively concerned with hotels. The company is aiming at the four-star market and has been spending heavily on refurbishing which should flow through strongly to profits in the future.

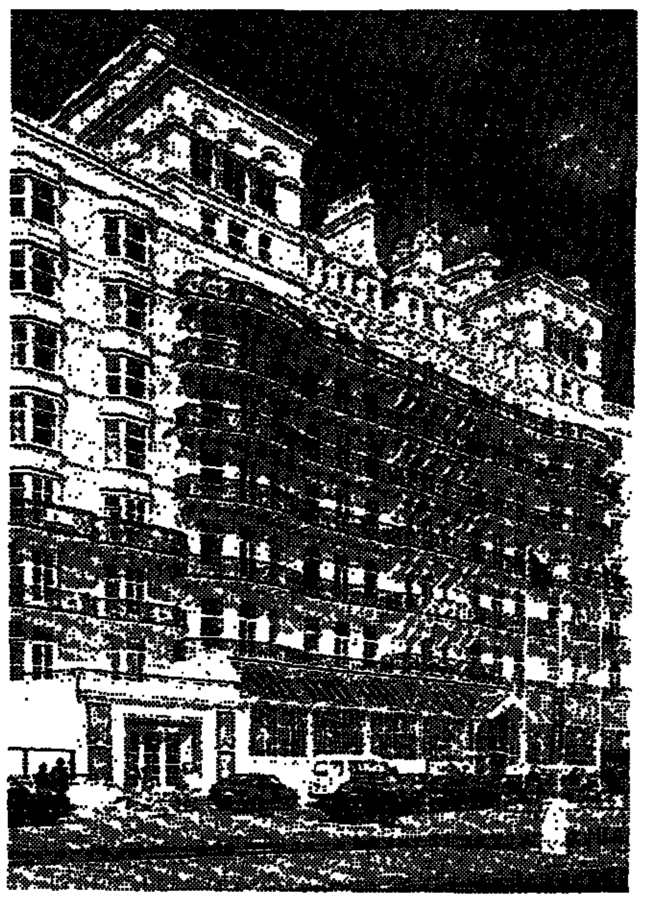
It is thought to have caught the eye of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, which owns the Thistle Hotels chain.

***Another market favourite is* Friendly Hotels, still with only seven hotels but under the direction of Mr Henry Edwards, who created the Centre Hotels and Comfort chains.**

Mount Charlotte, which operates more than 50 hotels — half in the three-star bracket — failed to agree on merger terms last year with the Pleasurama group. Analysts say that its willingness to discuss a deal suggests that if the price was right it might be *prepared to get together with a* larger group.

This has prompted speculation that Trusthouse Forte, by far the largest British hotel company, and itself the centre of some keen takeover speculation, could be a possible suitor.

Cliff Feltham



The Grand Hotel at Brighton, restored to its former glory

THF hit 23

Dealer wound up after DTI inquiry

Buckingham Corporate Securities, a firm of licensed dealers alleged to have misappropriated clients' money, was compulsorily wound up in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Registrar Bradburn ruled that it was "expedient in the public interest" that the *company should be wound* up.

The petition had been brought by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The company's affairs had been under investigation by the DTI since last September

The petition *alleged that the* company was controlled by individuals who were not directors and that accounts were not adequately kept.

There was also a failure to comply with the requirements of the Licensed Dealers (Conduct of Business) Rules, and clients' money had been used for the company's own business without their consent.

The company, in dealing with clients in Norton Villiers Triumph shares, had failed to keep proper records of its acquisitions of NVT shares for clients and had failed to keep proper records of its *delivery* of those shares.

It was also said to have had dealings with Forum Ltd in NVT shares, but this was "entirely uncertain".

Although the company's records showed a substantial surplus of assets over liabilities, the officers conducting the investigation were unable to assess the true financial position.

Standard chief quits watchdog

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Mr Peter Graham, deputy chairman of Standard Chartered Bank, has resigned from the Board of Banking Supervisors, the body set up last summer to advise the Bank of England on banking regulation.

Mr Graham is believed to have left the board in anticipation of the pressure of work he will face when he succeeds Lord Barber as chairman of Standard this year.

He is the first member to leave the eight-strong supervision board since it was established. The board ispart *of the banking supervision* measures brought in last year

Observers suggested that Mr Graham's departure may also have been to avoid any possible conflict of interest since Standard has several foreign shareholders which could involve the Bank in regulatory decisions about Standard.

Woolworth takes out an option

By Richard Lander

Woolworth is so keen to see traded options listed in its shares that it is paying the Stock Exchange to do so.

*It and the market are split*ting the £20,000 promotion budget for the launch of the options next Thursday after the group's corporate affairs director, Mr Nigel Whittaker, wrote to the exchange seeking the listing.

Mr Bernard Reed, the exchange's options manager, said: "It's the first time we have listed an option at the request of the company concerned."

Mr Whittaker told the exchange that it had become evident that the traded options market provided extra liquidity to the underlying shares.

He explained: "We feel that it would be beneficial for both *the company and shareholders* of Woolworth if traded *op*tions were available on their shares."

COMPANY NEWS

● **DALEPAK FOODS:** Interim dividend 0.9p *(same), payable* April 6. Figures in £000 for six months to October 31. Turnover 9,228 (7,714), profit before tax and extraordinary items 614 (432), tax 215 (154), earnings per share, weighted average, 3.58p (3.30). The board says that in the second half the company aims to build on its ready meals business with major customers. It expects growth of its grillsteak business to continue and profits to increase in the second half.

● **EUROTHERM INTERNATIONAL:** Final dividend 3.5p, making 5p (4.75), payable April 9. Figures in £000 for year to October 31. Sales UK 33,422 (30,899), overseas 65,939 (50,056), pretax profit 9,363 (9,015), tax UK 1,561 (1,734), overseas 2,411 (1,825), extraordinary debit 1,550 (nil), earnings per share before extraordinary item, 19.3p (19.7). The board says that the company's European market penetration is showing a steady increase.

● **GUEST, KEEN & NETTLEFOLDS:** After the agreement with Dynorod to form a joint venture to enter the US drain cleaning market, GKN Dynorod (California) has acquired two-privately owned businesses, Reddi-Rooter and *Republic Rooter, through which* it will develop a presence in the Californian market. The total consideration is $1.7 million (£1.13 million).

● **NORBAIN ELECTRONICS:** No interim dividend (same). Figures in £000 for half year to October 31. Turnover 9,940 (8,781), loss before tax 399 (33 profit), tax credit 75 (132 debit), retained loss 324 (201 profit).

● **JONES, STROUD (HOLDINGS):** Interim dividend 3.5p (3). Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Net turnover 21,778 (20,489), pretax profit 2,226 (2,021), after tax profit 1,418 (1,220), extraordinary credit 2,106, earnings per share before tax 23.49p (21.27p), after tax 14.75p (12.60).

● **SIDNEY C BANKS:** Half-year to Oct. 31. Interim dividend 4p (3.5p), *payable on April* 6. Turnover £63.38 million (£56.9 million). Pretax profit £1.41 million (£1.21 million). Earnings per share 27.1p (21.7p). The board expects that progress will be maintained in the second half.

● **METAL BOX:** The packaging division has purchased Pioneer Plastic Containers, a private manufacturer of injec*tion-moulded containers* for big British food processors dairies, with a total fixed-asset value of £450,000. Pioneer has an annual turnover of £2.75 million.

● **PACIFICORP:** A commercial financial services unit of the company has agreed to purchase 58 per cent of Finalco Group, an equipment leasing group. After this, it will then make an offer for the remainder of the 5.4 million common shares, for at least $4 each. The total price would be about $21 million (£14 million). Finalco had revenues of $76 million for the 12 months to March, 1986.

● **POLLY PECK INTERNATIONAL:** On Dec. 11, 1986, Polly Peck International said it had agreed in principle to buy the businesses of two subsidiaries of TI Group. A final agreement has now been signed and the businesses *will be* purchased at their audited net asset value at Dec. 31 last. The exact consideration will not be known until the subsidiaries' accounts have been audited, but is expected to be about £12 million in cash.

● **GOLD FIELDS GROUP:** Vogelstruisbult Metal Holdings: Total dividend for 1986 30 cents (same). Pretax profit R7.96 *million (£2.56 million), against* R9.65 million. Gold Fields Property Co: Interim dividend 12 cents (same). Pretax profit for the half-year to Dec. 31, R5.06 million (R5.31 million). New Wits: Interim 30 cents (same). Pretax profit for the half-year to Dec. 31, R8.28 million (R7.51 million).

● **ARMOUR TRUST:** Figures in £000 for six months to October 31. Turnover 7,924 (5,297), pretax profit 575 (304), tax 214 (69), earnings per share 1.64p (1.15). The board says that it continues to view the outlook with confidence.

● **RAEBURN INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final dividend 8.5p, making 13.5p (10.5), payable February 24. Figures in £000 for year to November 30. Revenue before tax 5,078 (4,121), tax 1,584 (1,395), earnings per share *12.78p (9.91).* Net asset value per ordinary stock unit at November 30, assuming full conversion of the convertible loan stock and allowing for payment of the final, 525.8p (424.0). The chairman, Mr David Hopkinson, said that the results were *"very rewarding"* and a sign that the company was well on the way to achieving its long-term objectives of a high *yield and above-average divi*dend increases.

● **OAKWOOD GROUP:** Final dividend 4p, making 4p (5). Figures in £000 for year to September 30. Turnover 13,644 (12,798), pretax profit 155 (204), tax 71 (61), earnings per share 4.2p (7.2). The board says that the first half of 1987 should see a substantial improvement in the rationalized wholesaling activities and this, with continuing progress in the civil and electrical engineering division, bodes well for the year ahead.

● **THOMAS WARRINGTON & SONS:** Terms have been agreed for the acquisition of Emery (Halesowen) for £1.2 million.

● **ABBEY LIFE GROUP:** New business. New initial commissions £50.8 million (£46.4 million), new premiums — regular premium life £45.5 million (£34.7 million), single premium life and annuities £118.7 million (£91.8 million). Regular premium pensions £33.3 million (£38.1 million), single premium pensions £25.7 (£21.4), health £4.2 million (£3.3 million), *premium income £438 million* (£377 million), life funds £2,254 million (£1,946 million).

Hong Kong prime cut to 10-year low

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Association of Banks yesterdaycut its prime rate by 1.5 points to 5 per cent in a move to keep speculators away from the Hong Kong dollar. Interest rates in the Crown Colony are now at their lowest level for 10 years.

The *Hong Kong* dollar is linked flexibly to the US dollar at a rate of HK$7.8 to US$1.

During the last three years the Hong Kong dollar has moved less than 2 per cent either side of the link, which was introduced in October 1983 when fears over Hong Kong's future were at their height. During September that year, the Kong Kong dollar fell to a record low of HK$9.6 against the US dollar.

The association normally meets to consider interest rates on Saturday morning, with the new rate coming into effect on the following Monday. But the meeting was brought forward to catch speculators on the hop.

The cut had the desired effect, with the Hong Kong dollar dropping to 7.7630/80 to the US dollar from an *initial high of 7.7480. On* Wednesday, it closed at 7.7650/60.

The chief dealer of Standard Chartered Bank in Hong Kong, Mr G C Goh, said: "The move shows the government's determination to maintain the 7.8 peg rate."

The falling value of the American currency has led to rumours that the Hong Kong government is considering shifting the peg.

Money has been pouring into the local currency despitedenials by officials that the link will not be altered.

STOCK MARKET

Oil shares jump on hopes of price rise and buying by US

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

The continuing cold weather coupled with bitter and bloody fighting between Iraq and Iran lifted the oil price yesterday and gave a boost to oil shares.

West Texas oil gained 26 cents to $19.40 a barrel and City experts say that if Iran manages to capture Basra, the second largest city in Iraq — Iranian forces were last night camped 15 kilometres outside — the price of oil could rise sharply.

Anticipating this imminent rise in the oil price, American investors were big buyers of the quality British oil stocks yesterday, forcing volume counts up into double figures.

Britoil climbed 7.5p to 204.5p — with 17 million shares traded — **BP** 14p to 805p on a volume of 7.7 million shares, while **Shell** improved by 6p to 1,049p, with just under 5 million shares going through the market.

Partly-paid **British Gas** shares climbed to yet another fresh record, firming by 2.5p to 72.5p, as demand for its output reached peak levels all over snow-clad Britain.

Elsewhere, equities powered ahead to produce the seventeenth consecutive daily rise in the FT-SE index of the 100 top stocks. The FT-SE, encouraged by the Dow Jones record rise overnight and further gains on Wall Street late yesterday, closed at its highest level of the day, up by 23.8 points at 1,789.0. The narrower, FT 30 Share index gained 17.9 points to 1,406.9.

Meanwhile, gilts had an erratic day, gaining as much as £½ at the longer end by lunchtime, but then easing back, to end the day only £⅛ better where changed. Shorts closed about £¼ better.

Among the leaders, **THF** gained 10p to 190p (on the back of better-than-expected results), **Thorn EMI** 15p to 514p, **Cable & Wireless** 9p to 371p and **British Telecom** 4p to 222p, with 13 million shares traded. **ASDA-MFI**, the food and DIY combine, dipped by a further 4p to 150p following its results earlier this week. More than 12 million shares were traded.

● A thick, glossy circular from Nomura, the Japanese securities house, tipping Beecham, the pharmaceutical group, as a strong "buy," boosted its shares by 12p to 482p. Beecham also announced yesterday the sale of its hair-products division for £5 million.

ICI, the chemicals giant, jumped 13p to a new peak of 1,200p on thoughts of the profits boost the company will get from the recent sharp decline in the value of sterling against the German mark.

On Wednesday, the rate between the two currencies touched a record low of 2.7615 and, although it picked up a little yesterday, to 2.7698, City analysts estimate that, if it were to stay at about its present level for the rest of the year, it could add at least £20 million to 1987 profits.

Mr Sherif Hamdi, the chemicals and pharmaceuticals salesman at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, says his profits forecast of £1.21 billion for 1987, is "starting to look conservative."

"The shares are still at a discount to the market in rating terms, but they have now broken out into new ground," he says. "Bulk chemicals in Europe are always priced in German marks and, the weaker the pound is against the mark, the more competitive it makes ICI."

Mr Hamdi says that there is also evidence of increased volume demand for all petrochemical-based products as end-users stock up ahead on an anticipated increase in prices following the recent rise in the oil price.

ICI's results for 1986 are due to be published on February 26 and the City is looking for profits of £1.01 billion, against £912 million last time.

The banking sector begins its reporting season a month early this year, with TSB's figures on January 29 and yesterday they showed signs of beginning their traditional pre-season price rise.

Several big buyers, including Phillips & Drew, the broker, were said to be in the market for TSB shares on talk that its property portfolio may have been undervalued in its prospectus. TSB shares firmed 3.5p to 80p and notched up a volume of 15 million.

Lloyds jumped 23p to 492p, **National Westminster** 18p to 577p, **Midland** 15p to 594p and **Barclays** 13p to 537p.

Pilkington Bros, Britain's biggest glass manufacturer, recovered an early fall of 3p to end the day 34p higher at 685p with 10 million shares traded after the Government confirmed what most of the stock market already knew — that it was allowing BTR's £1.2 billion bid for the company to proceed.

Dealers said it was the worst kept secret regarding a Government referral decision to date — and was quickly followed by the inevitable Stock Exchange inquiry into the dramatic flurry of activity in the Pilkington share price late on Wednesday ahead of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry's announcement.

BTR, which is now expected to increase its offer for Pilkington after being given the go-ahead, slipped 5p to 288p. Most City analysts now believe Sir Owen Green, chairman of BTR, will offer 750p a share for Pilkington. One broker commented: "That's how much he will have to offer if he is really serious."

● Penny-share followers are growing excited about prospects for Talbex Group. Mr David Green resigned as chairman, but still holds 16.6 per cent of the shares. In have moved Mr Terry Langan and Mr Neil Simpson to sort out the problems.

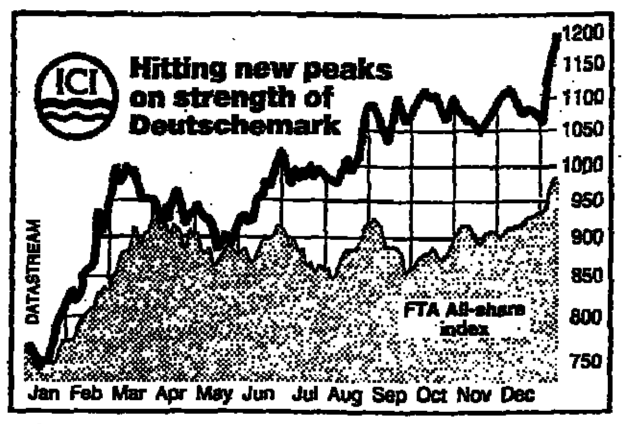
Reed International, the publishing giant, struck a new peak with a rise of 7p to 345p. Market sources were saying that the predatory Mr Robert Maxwell has cast his eye over the group and may have been picking up shares.

However, yesterday a spokesman for Reed said it knew of no reason for the increase in the price and had not heard that its name was being linked with Mr Maxwell.

Mr Malcolm Stockdale, the aggressive chief executive of **British Benzol**, who has done much to revive the group's fortunes over the past couple of years, has been adding to his holding in the company. Earlier this week, he bought 150,000 shares, taking his total holding to 1.5 million shares, or 2.3 per cent. He was thought to be picking up stock again yesterday and is likely to be joined by some of his fellow directors shortly.

Dealers claim that the board is putting its money where its mouth is following the £25 million acquisition of Powerscreen last year. Powerscreen is a powerful cash-generating business, with over half its exposure in the US.

News of Mr Stockdale's spending spree enabled British Benzol to climb 4p to 73p.



ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
355	299	Allied-Lyons	341	346	●	+3	14.5	4.2	15.7	2,200
168	145	ASDA-MFI	148	152		–4	4.7	3.1	18.4	12,000
485	414	BET	482	487		+8	24.3	5.0	17.6	661
300	264	BTR	285	290		–3	9.8	3.4	20.1	4,400
514½	444	BAT	510	515		+5	18.4	3.6	13.4	5,200
538	465	Barclays	533	540		+13	28.1	5.2	7.7	1,600
785	703	Bass	762	772	●	–3	24.3	3.2	13.6	825
492	411	Beecham	478	483	●	+11	17.1	3.6	20.0	8,200
727	621	Blue Circle	702	707		–11	30.0	4.3	10.0	591
404½	326	BOC	392	395		+11	15.4	3.9	13.0	6,700
255½	219	Boots	248	251		+3	10.6	4.2	16.3	5,100
581	468	Br Aerospace	578	588		+28	23.4	4.0	12.2	2,000
72½	61	Br Gas	71	73		+2	9.3	12.8	..	63,000
808	668	Br Petroleum	803	808		+15	48.6	6.0	8.8	7,700
223	186	Br Telecom	220	224	●	+4	11.2	5.0	13.0	13,000
204½	135	Britoil	203	205		+7	9.3	4.6	5.5	18,000
294	256	Burton	288	292	●	–2	8.1	2.8	17.7	4,300
372	277	Cable & Wireless	367	374		+9	7.2	1.9	20.3	3,500
210	172	Cadbury Schweppes	199	202		–3	8.7	4.3	23.5	2,900
564	444	Coats Viyella	522	526		+4	17.9	3.4	15.7	556
295	257	Com Union	284	287		+2	17.4	6.1	..	4,000
722	553	Cons Goldfields	715	722		–3	35.0	4.9	20.5	809
382	286	Courtaulds	353	358		..	10.2	2.9	12.0	832
232	201	Dee Corp	227	232		+3	10.6	4.8	18.8	3,700
360	176	Dixons Grp	326	330		+4	5.2	1.6	23.3	2,800
650	409	Fisons	598	603		+11	8.4	1.4	26.7	961
964	769	Gen Accident	860	867		+10	34.3	4.0	21.7	848
226	160	GEC	196	200		+4	6.3	3.2	12.3	10,000
11½	867	Glaxo	11⅜	11½		..	20.0	1.7	24.0	2,300
481	365	Grand Met	456	461		+7	14.6	3.2	13.2	3,100
11½	934	GUS 'A'	10⅝	10¾		+⅛	31.4	2.9	15.0	798
953	757½	GRE	818	825		+3	42.5	5.2	23.8	652
385	235	GKN	300	303	●	+10	17.9	5.9	10.1	3,000
355	274	Guinness	286	291	●	..	11.6	4.0	11.0	12,000
215½	158	Hanson	206	208	●	+2	6.1	2.9	13.1	7,500
523	403	Hawker Siddeley	498	504		+2	21.4	4.3	11.0	820
12⅞	882	Imp Chem Ind	11⅞	12		+⅛	48.6	4.0	13.4	2,000
595	360	Jaguar	578	583		+8	12.7	2.2	12.0	878

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
408	313	Ladbroke	396	401		+3	16.8	4.2	19.0	1,800
350	302	Land Securities	339	342		+5	14.5	4.3	22.8	206
286	218	Legal & Gen	262	267		+2	12.3	4.6	33.8	2,500
664	352	Lloyds	488	495		+23	25.0	5.1	7.9	2,600
301	198	Lonhro	254	256		+6	17.1	6.7	12.6	2,900
231	169½	Marks & Spencer	195	198	●	+1	5.8	2.9	23.5	6,600
608	507	Midland	590	597		+17	37.1	6.2	22.0	1,000
625	447	Nat West	573	580		+18	27.6	4.8	6.0	1,500
576	481	P & O Dfd	545	550		+2	26.4b	4.8	15.7	772
618	443	Pearson	597	602		+2	15.4	2.6	20.0	166
691	398	Pilkington Bros	682	687	●	+34	21.4	3.1	18.1	10,000
246	162	Plessey	198	200		+2	7.2	3.6	14.6	4,000
989	749	Prudential	843	850		+18	38.6	4.6	55.9	1,700
234	146	Racal Elect	186	190		+4	4.3	2.3	19.9	4,000
589	467	Rank Org	558	565		+3	22.5	4.0	19.8	574
926	734	Reckitt & Colemen	920	927		+8	23.9	2.6	19.9	800
615	379	Reuters	603	608		+18	5.4	0.9	45.8	1,000
791	532	RTZ	756	763		+13	31.4	4.1	10.1	1,100
540	365	Rowntree	423	428		+5	18.0	4.2	11.8	1,200
967	782	Royal Ins	860	867		+5	38.6	4.5	70.8	579
440	344	Sainsbury (J)	434	438	●	+2	8.4	1.9	25.3	293
148½	39	Sears	127	128½		–1	5.0	3.9	16.5	11,000
395	300	Sedgwick Gp	332	337		+15	17.1	5.1	16.0	2,600
10½	733	Shell	10⅜	10½		..	51.4	4.9	10.3	4,600
262	112	Smith & Nephew	132	134		..	3.5	2.6	22.7	1,900
194	122	STC	192	196		+2	2.1	1.1	18.0	2,900
894	547	Stan Chart	778	785		+3	46.4	5.9	9.6	222
365	256½	Storehouse	272	277	●	+5	11.0	4.0	14.6	1,800
772	610	Sun Alliance	690	697		+6	27.5	4.0	62.5	188
102	72	TSB P/P	79½	80½		+3½	6.1	7.6	..	15,000
434	340	Tesco	427	432	●	+2	8.9	2.1	24.5	1,800
529	442	Thorn EMI	510	517	●	+15	25.0	4.9	37.8	4,900
330	133½	Trafalgar House	296	299	●	+3	18.9	6.3	11.1	1,400
198	139	Trusthouse Forte	188	191		+10	7.9	4.2	18.8	11,000
22	15	Unilever	21⅞	22		..	60.1	2.7	20.2	271
269	216	Utd Biscuits	239	242		+2	13.8b	5.6	13.0	1,100
279	174	Wellcome	263	268	●	+8	3.0	1.1	32.6	6,400
925	585	Woolworth	688	693		+8	22.9	3.3	15.7	1,500

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Some timely thoughts from Sir Gordon

Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of Fair Trading, could hardly have chosen a better time to defend the virtues of competition as he sees them from his powerful seat at the centre of British anti-trust adminstration. When the London Business School chose as the theme of this year's Stockton lectures "European Competitiveness" it could not have foreseen the Guinness affair nor the backlash against mega-mergers the findings of the Dpartment of Trade and Industry inquiry may bring. But not even Sir Gordon, in his most whimsical moments, would deny that the restructuring of British industry is a continuing process and an essential part of that process is an efficient — and as many would now argue, a more regulated and more transparent — market through which takeover bids and mergers can be made. The condition of that market however, is the urgent concern of the Bank of England, the City and government, not the Office of Fair Trading, though all four will be conscious of the risk that the seamier side of takeover bids might be used as evidence for building rigidities into the system which would mainly benefit companies which fear change.

Sir Gordon's lecture was specifically concerned with "Deregulation and Competiton at Home as Prerequisites for Success Abroad." The title had no question mark: it is a precise statement of what he believes to be true, namely that the first can contribute to the second. He is thus entirely unconvinced by the thinking that lay behind the Confederation of British Industry's plea that competition policy should not hold back British firms "in their efforts to compete in global markets." In other words the majority of the Monopolies Commission which found against GEC's ambition to absorb Plessey was, in his view, right.

"Far from being sacrificed, I think that competition policy should be pursued with even more vigour by whatever government presides over our affairs in the forseeable future."

Sir Gordon is on very firm ground in quoting the improvement in international competitiveness in industries that in the early 1960s were forced to abandon their restrictive agreements. Furthermore many industries did fail to recognize the growing threat of foreign competition and missed the opportunity to get their act together. He can also point to the post 1976 campaign against restrictive practices in the service industries, especially price-fixing agreements: there is no doubt that it improved both competitiveness and efficiency. Provisionally at least, the same may reasonably be said about the more recent deregulation of financial and professional services.

"The evidence suggests that increased competition in the securities markets will bring a number of benefits...The delay in introducing these changes while the Stock Exchange clung to its traditional and restrictive ways of doing business could handicap those London firms now seeking to develop their business overseas in the face of strong competition in particular from American houses who have 10 years' experience of trading in fully competitive markets."

But the current debate about competition policy is focused mainly on manufacturing industry. Sir Gordon left no doubt where he stands: "There is not a shred of evidence that British industry is in any general sense inefficient because firms' scales of operation are too small compared with their foreign competitors; nor is there any evidence to show that increases in the size of companies and in the concentration of domestic markets are related to improvements in export performance. I would suggest that, if our firms are on average less efficient than their rivals, it is more likely to do with the efficiency with which they organize themselves."

Sir Gordon, as well as being fiercely contentious, is also pragmatic. It seems to him "perfectly sensible that our competition legislation provides for each and every qualifying merger to be examined on its merits, first to see whether the merger poses any threat to competition in any market within the UK and second whether it raises any other matter of concern for the public interest which might merit investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission such as the riskinesss of the proposed financing of the bid."

He is "a sceptic so far as bigness is concerned" and has become more of a sceptic where mergers are concerned. And thus to the final Stockton tilt: "Industry itself should be questioning the desirability of the merger activity we have witnessed in the last 18 months or so. Contested takeover battles are increasingly costly both in straight cash terms and, more important, in management time."

A sentiment that it is hard to disagree with; but it is not the questions but the answers that are difficult to find.

Lewis stands down

The stock market is a hard-nosed market place but it also has strong sentimental ties with the characters who have shaped its development over the years. So yesterday's announcement that Tony Lewis is to stand down as executive chairman of Smith New Court, the largest UK independent market maker, from April will sound to many like the ceremonial unhitching of one more link with the past.

When Mr Lewis, then a lad of 17, arrived at the six-man firm of Smith Bros in the City in 1945 it was one among no less than 150 firms of jobbers.

Today, the organisation he runs — formed from the merger with stockbrokers Scott Goff Layton — employs more than 600 worldwide. The old jobbing system has disappeared, and the floor of the stock exchange is likely to end up as a museum piece.

He will remain in the business as a non executive chairman while Geoffrey Lederman, 57, who heads the UK trading operations, and Mr Michael Marks, 45, responsible for the international side, take over as joint chief executives.

TEMPUS

Terrorist scare hits Trusthouse Forte for £6 million

The strength and breadth of Trusthouse Forte's business is demonstrated by the fact that it reported better-than-expected profits despite an estimated £12 million shortfall in figures from hotels.

The shortfall was caused by the decision of American and Middle Eastern visitors to stay away because of the terrorist scare. Hotel profits were only a smidgeon higher at £118.2 million.

Although Britain suffered last year, there are signs of a pick up. In the first two months of the present financial year, occupancies were only 5 per cent below last year's levels. In addition, the amount of business coming into London from the rest of the country is growing.

However, in Paris, where Trusthouse Forte has three substantial hotels, the situation is more severe. In 1985-86, a 20 per cent drop in occupancy was responsible for half the £12 million shortfall. Recent industrial and student unrest has done little to restore confidence and occupancy has not improved.

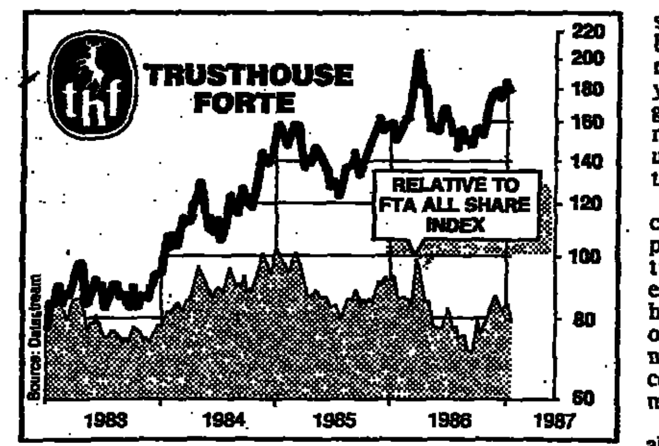
Condsiderable capital has been spent on the hotels division and, as yet, prices have not been adjusted to take account of the additional facilities. The pay-back on this investment, therefore, is still to be enjoyed.

The star performer last year was the catering division where profits rose from £28.1 million to £40.4 million. Sales through existing outlets increased but the division also benefited from a three-month contribution of £3.5 million from the Imperial businesses acquired from Hanson Trust and an expansion programme which added 40 Little Chefs, 10 Little Chef Lodges and two motorway facilities.

The Happy Eater chain, thought to contribute under £5 million in a full year, is under the scrutiny of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. However, Trusthouse Forte has already received several good offers for these outlets if there is a forced sale.

The £200 million Imperial acquisitions should contribute several million over financing costs. They are being satisfactorily integrated.

For the year as a whole, Trusthouse Forte looks set to make good progress, especially if the Americans return. Estimates approaching £165 million are being pencilled in, putting the shares on a small premium to the market. They still represent a safe way to participate in this sector.



Acatos & Hutcheson

Acatos & Hutcheson, although involved in the seemingly unglamorous edible oils business, knows how to dazzle the stock market. Yesterday it comfortably beat its flotation forecast, pushing the shares up 20p to 273p.

Operating in a traditionally fragmented industry, Acatos has grown by making small acquisitions which either buy market share or increase product range. There is no reason why this strategy cannot continue. Moreover, rationalization benefits in parts of the operation have not yet been fully felt.

The most promising opportunity for the group is in own-label edible oils for the retail sector. Because of the aversion of Unilever, the market leader, to dabbling in own label manufacture, the British industry has been taken over by the Europeans. However, Acatos believes that there is scope to win back some of this ground.

There has been a strong start to the current year. John Parker, of County Securities, is expecting pretax profits of about £9.5 million. He believes that with earnings per share of 20p and an above-average growth rate, the shares deserve their premium rating. This company has an exciting future.

Viking Packaging

The use of plastic film in packaging has come a long way in the last 15 years and so has one of the main exponents of the business, Viking Packaging. The company makes a variety of packaging film and bags from polythene and polypropylene used by high street customers.

Viking heads for the stock market this week through a share-placing valuing the business at £12.3 million. During the last five years, pretax profits have grown from £369,000 to £1.2 million last year on turnover up from £8.5 million to more than £18 million.

About 36 per cent of the company's shares are being placed at 130p, selling at 12.5 times historic earnings. Viking has spent heavily — about £6.3 million over the last five years — on new plant and equipment to cope with rapidly changing market requirements.

The investment has enabled the company to concentrate on higher added-value products where the profit margins are greater. This has also reduced its vulnerability to sudden fluctuations in the price of the oil-based raw materials.

Viking is now one of the four largest producers of bags for the bread market. Big customers include Associated British Foods and Ranks Hovis McDougall. It also has a substantial share of the packaging market for fresh fruit and vegetables. The company has also taken advantage of an increased use of polypropylene in the textile trade.

New opportunities appear to be opening up everywhere. Packaging of snack foods, larger carrier bags for packs of disposable nappies, and a special type of polypropylene film as an alternative to PVC for the office stationery market offer plenty of prospects.

With the order book on a sound footing, Viking should be well received. Interestingly, its promoters, Schroders and the broker Cazenove, have bypassed the USM and gone for a full listing for what is still a modest-sized company. Does this mean the USM, facing competition from the new third market later this month, is already starting to lose customers?

ECC Construction, trading as SNW and Bradley Homes, is ranked as a leading UK homebuilder. It has about 50 development sites and is achieving around 1,200 completions per annum.

Measured growth and expansion from its traditional West Country base, has been accelerated by the acquisition of Bradley Homes in Swindon. The combined operation is now building extensively in the country and to a limited extent in the Southern half of the North West and Midlands.

The houses are constructed using traditional methods and materials. The range of house types caters for the first-time buyer through to the senior executive, but with the emphasis on the trade-up sector. Proven designs in house plans and layouts, individuality in external appearance and generous floor areas with the accent on space and quality, ensure that ECC Construction's customers get the very best value for money.

ECC Construction's strength of land holding, strategically sited, and its continued policy of concentrating on expanding its margins rather than volume, have played a major part in its growth.

ECC Construction

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Gilt & Fixed	107.2	113.4	-0.5	10.58
High Inc Equity	101.1	107.5	-0.6	4.84
Worldwide Bond	204.3	217.3	+1.4	4.46
American Growth	160.4	170.6	+0.3	0.83
Asian Pacific	63.9	67.9	+0.2	1.66
Assets & Earns	114.6	121.9	-1.1	3.35
Capital Reserve	66.1	68.5	..	1.52
Comm & Energy	103.5	110.0	-0.3	1.03
European Capital	100.6	107.0	+0.2	1.19
General	145.5	154.7e	-1.6	2.75
Japan	77.9	82.8	+1.0	..
UK Growth Inc	111.3	118.4	-0.5	1.39
Do Accum	161.0	171.2	-0.7	0.92
US Emerging Co's	56.0	59.5	+0.2	0.08
Equities Progress	220.4	234.4	-2.1	3.07
Mastertst Acc	69.4	73.8	..	2.22
American Inc	48.6	51.6	+0.1	5.03
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
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0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	241.7	256.2	-2.5	3.12
Growth & Income	141.6	150.1	-1.1	3.02
Capital Trust	237.3	251.5	-1.8	2.75
Balanced	378.1	400.8	-3.9	3.43
Accum Trust	581.0	615.9	-5.9	3.06
American Income	33.8	38.0	-0.1	4.14
High Income Tst	268.8	285.5	-1.5	4.59
Equity Income	149.0	157.9	-1.0	4.68
High Yield	155.1	164.4	-0.9	5.14
Govt Secs Trust	27.9	29.0	-0.2	9.93
International	95.2	101.4e	+0.4	0.80
Japan Fund	122.9	130.9	+1.9	0.01
Pacific Trust	203.8	217.0	+1.7	0.82
Amer Spcl Sits	71.6	76.2	+1.5	1.36
Secs Of Amer Tst	211.7	225.4	-0.8	0.91
Atd Asset Value	244.5	259.2	-1.6	3.28
Conv & Gilt Trust	35.0	36.9	-0.2	7.07
Smaller Co's	135.9	144.1●	-0.1	2.99
2nd Smaller Co's	172.9	183.3	+0.1	2.19
Recovery Trust	88.0	93.3	-0.1	2.00
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES				
See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd				
BAILLIE GIFFORD				
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY				
031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	485.5	507.0	..	0.64
Japan Ex (43)	442.2	462.6	-2.5	0.20
UK Ex (31)	242.1	256.9	..	1.42
P'sal Pens Intl	541.8	570.5	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	172.3	183.3	..	0.00
BG Energy	171.3	182.3	..	1.84
BG Income Grwth	213.0	226.7	..	5.08
BG Japan	194.5	207.0	..	0.00
BG Technology	159.3	169.5	..	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-491 0295				
American	48.2	52.3	-0.3	2.03
Australian	22.4	23.9	-1.0	1.72
Japan & General	117.7	125.3	+1.5	0.06
High Income	47.6	50.7	..	5.95
International Trust	89.0	94.7	+0.4	0.86
Income Gth Tst	52.9	56.3	-0.5	3.62
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.2	21.5●	..	10.70
Global Markets	36.1	38.5	+0.2	1.40
Special Situations	47.4	50.4	-0.3	1.92
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
America	90.3	95.5	+0.4	1.47
Aust Accum	188.2	199.1	-5.7	0.87
Do Income	132.7	140.4	-4.0	0.87
Capital	74.8	79.1	-0.8	2.86
Exempt Trust	459.0	485.7	-2.9	3.96
Extra Income	80.0	84.6	-0.4	5.21
Financial	241.9	255.8●	-0.5	2.93
500	285.8	302.4	-0.9	2.89
General	148.3	156.9	-1.1	3.05
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.6	54.3●	-0.1	10.09
Japan & Gen Inc	170.1	179.9	+3.5	0.00
Do Acc	172.0	182.0	+3.6	0.00
Growth Accum	188.6	199.5	-1.1	2.16
Income Trust	360.9	381.8c	-2.5	3.70
Leisure Trust	84.0	88.8●	-0.4	1.48
Special Situations	152.5	161.3	-0.8	2.25
Recovery	212.0	224.3	-0.8	2.72
Trustee Fund	111.5	117.9	-1.0	2.88
Univ Tech Accum	57.0	60.3	-0.2	0.05
Do Income	56.5	59.7	-0.1	0.05
Worldwide Trust	153.1	162.0●	+0.8	1.14
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	358.6	378.4	-3.4	3.19
Do Inc	228.9	242.2	-2.2	3.19
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
01-658 9002				
Australia	82.6	88.3	..	0.30
Eastern	76.5	81.8	..	0.30
Equity Income	82.5	88.4	..	5.80
Europe	140.8	149.7	..	1.00
Growth & Inc	68.6	72.9	..	3.00
Japan Special	107.4	114.3	..	0.30
Japan Sunrise	89.3	95.1	..	0.30
First Europe	121.1	128.8	..	0.80
First Japan	87.1	92.7	..	1.10
First N Amer	52.5	55.8	..	1.10
First Smaller Co's	70.8	75.3	..	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT				
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3				
01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	64.7	68.3c	-0.5	0.97
Do Accum	66.2	69.8c	-0.5	0.97
European Inc	102.7	108.3●	+0.8	1.21
Do Accum	128.5	133.5	+1.0	1.21
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	23.6	24.9	+0.2	1.93
Do Accum	30.1	31.8	+0.2	1.93
General Inc	176.8	188.5●	+2.4	1.72
Do Accum	244.4	257.8●	+3.3	1.72
Gilt Yield Inc	109.3	112.6	-1.3	10.27
Do Accum	180.2	185.6	-2.1	10.27
High Yield Inc	99.5	105.0	+1.3	4.83
Do Accum	202.1	213.2	+2.4	4.83
Intl Rec Inc	109.9	115.9●	+1.2	1.99
Do Accum	116.2	122.6●	+1.4	1.99
Japan Inc	241.7	255.0	+4.1	0.20
Do Accum	243.4	256.8	+4.1	0.20
Japanese Spec Inc	110.3	116.4	+0.5	0.09
Do Accum	110.7	116.8	+0.2	0.09
N American Inc	51.3	54.1●	-0.3	0.74
Do Accum	59.7	63.0●	-0.4	0.74
Pacific Inc	144.4	152.3	-0.4	0.57
Do Accum	162.8	171.8	-0.3	0.57
Planned Investment	137.1	146.3	..	3.58
Smaller Co's Inc	92.5	97.6●	+1.3	0.92
Do Accum	110.4	116.5	+1.6	0.92
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	29.5	31.1	+0.4	0.99
Do Accum	48.7	51.4	+0.7	0.99
Worldwide Tech Inc	42.5	44.9	+0.3	1.25
Do Accum	42.9	45.3	+0.4	1.25
KB High Yield Inc	142.0	149.8	+2.0	5.17
Do Accum	239.6	253.0	+3.4	5.17
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	143.7	153.1	-0.9	2.30
Smaller Co's Acc	251.5	265.2	-2.5	..
Do Income	160.6	170.0	-1.1	0.94
High Income	71.5	76.5	-0.5	5.34
Income	83.2	89.0	-0.8	4.33
Man Portfolio Inc	71.0	75.9	-1.1	2.64
Do Acc	119.9	128.2	-1.8	..
North American	80.0	84.2	+0.1	1.59
Orient	85.6	91.5	+1.2	0.24
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	53.4	56.8		3.00
General Inc (4)	231.5	241.9		2.90
Do Accum (4)	372.8	389.6		2.90
Income Fund (3)	105.3	110.3		4.65
Do Accum (3)	189.2	197.0		4.65
Intl Inc (2)	140.9	147.0		1.20
Do Accum (2)	187.4	195.5		1.20
Smaller Inc (5)	84.2	88.0s		1.98
Do Accum	69.0	73.1s		1.96

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CS FUND MANAGERS				
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY				
01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	86.2	91.7	+2.5	0.56
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Growth	307.7	325.6	+0.9	2.79
Income	356.5	377.3	+0.7	4.34
Far East	239.6	254.9	+0.3	0.25
North American	156.9	166.0	+0.3	0.55
Global	54.0	57.1	-0.1	0.79
European	57.2	60.5	+0.3	1.24
Japan	59.0	62.8	+0.1	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ				
01-621 0011				
Capital	383.4	407.9	..	1.73
Income	307.0	326.6	..	4.58
North American	298.8	317.1	..	1.17
CATER ALLEN				
1, King William St, EC4N 7AU				
01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	90.9		..	..
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	418.9		..	4.45
Fixed Int	135.8		..	10.53
Deposit	100.0		..	10.80
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS				
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP				
01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	56.2	59.5	..	0.60
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	384.68		..	4.94
Accum	£11,187		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.75
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373393				
Amer Growth	26.2	27.8	-0.2	1.50
Equity High Income	46.9	49.7	-0.2	4.20
European Growth	32.4	34.3	+0.3	2.00
General Equity	41.4	43.9	-0.2	2.50
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	28.5	30.1	-0.2	3.40
Gilt & Fixed Inc	23.6	24.9	-0.2	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	26.2	27.8	+0.1	5.00
Japan Growth	34.8	36.9	+0.6	0.90
Pedigree Gth	25.7	27.3	+0.1	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7000 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Acc	48.8	50.0	..	3.50
Worldwide Inc	48.8	50.0	..	2.00
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU				
01-726 1999				
Energy Trust	51.7	54.7	-0.2	3.56
Extra Income	177.8	188.2●	-1.7	5.09
Financial	182.7	193.4●	..	2.23
Gilt Strategy	56.7	58.5	-0.1	1.39
Growth Investment	302.8	320.5●	-3.1	2.42
Income & Growth	44.7	47.3	-0.4	4.81
Japanese Growth	194.2	205.5	+3.0	0.60
Nth Amer Growth	105.2	111.3	-1.9	1.40
Intl Recovery	123.4	130.5e	-0.1	2.18
Smaller Co's	237.1	251.0	..	1.94
Global Inc Tst	62.6	66.3	..	6.52
Special Sits Acc	305.9	323.8	-3.4	1.38
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
High Income Trust	272.0	289.4	-3.4	4.52
Growth Trust	240.9	258.3	-3.0	2.81
American Trust	130.4	138.7	-0.3	0.72
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL				
07372 42424				
UK Income	52.0	55.4	-0.1	4.72
UK Growth Accum	55.1	58.7	+0.1	2.41
Do Dist	55.1	58.7	+0.1	2.41
European Growth	62.4	66.4	+1.3	1.86
Pacific Growth	57.3	61.0	+0.8	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-226 3492				
American Fund	73.2	77.9	..	1.28
Capital Fund	108.7	115.6	-0.2	1.46
Growth & Inc Fund	142.5	151.7	-1.0	4.12
High Dist Fund	119.7	127.4	-0.4	5.30
International Fund	217.8	231.7	+1.1	0.97
Resources Fund	26.4	28.1	..	0.35
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.5	36.7	+0.3	..
Tokyo Fund	170.8	181.9	+4.8	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	148.0	152.0	..	2.01
(Ex) Japan (3)	112.0	115.0●	-0.2	0.18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	338.5	347.6	..	0.27
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	197.7	203.1	..	0.10
Eurofund	29.0	30.8●	+0.1	3.25
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	74.9	79.5	-0.3	2.98
Do Accum	76.9	81.6	-0.2	2.90
UK Growth Accum	95.8	101.6	-0.4	2.02
UK High Inc Inc	73.2	77.7	+0.5	4.49
N American Accum	71.5	76.3	+0.5	0.70
Far Eastern Accum	111.2	118.6	+0.6	0.85
European Accum	92.2	98.3	+1.0	1.17
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	52.2	55.4	-0.8	8.84
Do Accum	55.5	58.9	-0.9	8.32
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Adam Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708-66966				
Endurance	113.8	121.2	..	2.55
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
35, Fountain St, Manchester				
061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	81.9	87.2	-0.7	3.19
High Income Trust	81.6	86.9	-0.8	5.21
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.6	52.8●	-0.2	9.01
Tst Of Inv Trusts	76.8	81.8	..	1.83
Special Sits Trust	82.2	87.5	-0.5	2.14
Nth Amer Trust	52.0	55.0	+0.1	1.81
Far Eastern Trust	100.2	106.7	+1.6	0.43
Intl Growth	56.7	60.4	+0.4	1.07
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	161.8	172.1		2.98
Do Income	138.7	147.5		2.98
Higher Inc Accum	274.5	292.0		4.11
Do Income	215.9	230.7		4.11
Gilts/Fixed Accum	96.2	103.3		8.71
Do Income	81.3	85.5		8.71
Nth Amer Tst Accum	142.0	151.0		0.41
Far East Tst Accum	173.2	184.2		0.14
Euro Tst Accum	172.0	182.9		0.72
General Trust	256.5	272.8		3.12
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	71.7	76.3	-0.3	0.21
Capital Fund	119.3	127.0	+0.9	0.21
UK Income Fund	82.0	87.3	-0.6	4.78
Far Eastern Fund	75.4	80.3	+0.5	0.00
Overseas Income	75.0	79.8	+0.1	3.41
Fixed Interest	56.2	59.8	-0.1	10.50
Natural Res Fund	53.7	57.2	-0.3	3.00

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European Income	87.5	93.1	+0.8	2.73
Financials Fund	51.7	55.0	+0.1	2.73
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	47.0	50.0	..	1.40
Do Accum	48.0	51.1	..	..
Income Gth Inc	43.4	46.2	..	5.30
Do Accum	46.5	49.5	..	..
Service Co's Inc	53.3	56.7	..	1.00
Do Accum	54.1	57.6	..	..
Higher Inc	23.5	25.0	..	..
Do acc	23.5	25.0	..	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	110.1	117.2	..	0.73
Amer Equity Income	35.8	38.1	..	4.23
Amer Special Sits	56.3	59.9	..	0.18
Australia	34.7	36.8	..	3.06
European	48.1	50.9	..	0.00
Far East Inc	36.8	39.1	..	3.92
Gilt & Fixed Int	29.9	●	..	10.04
Growth & Income	103.7	110.4●	..	4.35
Japan Special Sits	41.4	44.3	..	..
Japan	146.0	155.8	..	..
Managed Int	148.3	155.7	..	0.33
Max Income Equity	88.8	94.3	..	4.78
Professional Gth	36.3	38.7	..	2.21
South East Asia	45.0	47.9	..	0.10
Special Sits	184.7	196.5	..	0.39
FLEMING (ROBERT)				
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN				
01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£377.0	383.3	..	1.34
Japan Exempt	£453.0	461.8	..	0.87
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0		..	5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	221.4	234.2	..	..
Do Accum	228.2	239.2	..	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	215.6	228.0	..	1.21
Do Accum	223.6	235.6	..	1.21
Capital Tst Inc	224.0	237.0	..	2.13
Do Accum	272.8	288.6	..	2.13
Conv & Gilt Inc	91.6	96.8	..	5.13
Do Accum	124.2	131.4	..	5.13
Extra Inc Tst Inc	181.6	192.0c	..	4.28
Do Accum	196.8	208.2c	..	4.28
Income Trust	130.2	137.6●	..	3.82
Do Accum	139.4	147.4●	..	3.82
Intl Growth Fd Inc	171.2	181.0	..	..
Do Accum	190.0	201.0	..	..
Japan & Gen Inc	94.6	100.0	..	0.07
Do Accum	95.6	101.0	..	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	90.6	96.0●	..	4.81
Recovery	157.8	166.8c	..	1.35
Do Accum	171.8	181.6c	..	1.35
European Inc	68.8	72.8	..	0.82
Do Accum	68.8	72.8	..	0.82
Financial Inc	51.0	53.8	..	0.96
Do Accum	51.0	53.8	..	0.96
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	211.5	224.5	-2.7	2.61
Do Accum	356.2	378.1	-4.5	2.61
FP Fixed Int Dist	108.1	114.9	-0.9	8.25
Do Accum	127.7	135.8	-1.0	8.25
Stewardship Dist	185.3	196.7	-3.2	1.60
Do Accum	192.9	204.7	-3.4	1.60
FP North American	121.7	129.0●	..	1.18
FP Pacific Basin	170.1	180.3●	..	0.39
FUNDS IN COURT				
Public Trustee Kingsway WC2				
01-405 4300				
Capital	373.0	374.8	..	2.67
Gross Inc	155.8	158.4	..	7.51
High Yield	228.7	231.7	..	5.82
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	66.1	70.4	+0.9	1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc	109.9	117.0	-0.8	2.50
Do Accum	158.1	168.2	-0.8	2.50
Income Fund	82.7	88.0	+0.4	5.70
Pension Exempt	193.2	201.3	-0.9	1.80
International	178.1	189.5	+1.5	0.90
US & General	53.9	57.4	-0.1	0.80
Tech & Growth	66.1	70.4	+0.9	1.10
Japan & General	245.8	261.5	+3.1	0.10
Far East & Gen	123.4	131.3	-1.2	0.10
European Fund	276.3	294.0	+4.8	0.30
Germany Fund	73.1	77.8	+0.4	0.90
Intl Inc Fund	51.0	54.3	-0.4	4.50
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	88.4	93.8	..	0.70
Australian Trust	27.9	29.8	-0.8	0.14
British Tst Accum	67.8	71.8	-0.5	1.66
Do Dist	58.5	62.2	-0.5	1.66
Commodity Share	75.0	79.5	-0.2	1.60
European Trust	56.2	59.8	+0.1	0.60
Extra Income Trust	53.2	56.5	-0.3	4.90
Far Eastern Trust	149.4	158.6	+1.5	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	25.6	27.2c	-0.1	9.75
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.5	26.0	-0.1	9.30
Global Fund Accum	190.0	201.6	+0.1	0.30
Do Dist	180.7	191.8	..	0.30
Gold Share Trust	17.2	18.4	-0.2	1.22
Hedged American	33.0	35.0	+0.2	0.50
High Income Trust	155.4	164.9	-0.4	5.47
Hong Kong Trust	39.7	42.2	-0.3	1.20
Income Fund	84.9	90.1	-0.4	3.22
Insurance Agencies	£54.87	56.47	-0.40	1.88
Japan Trust	134.5	142.3	+0.9	0.00
Managed Exempt	271.2	282.5	-2.1	2.12
Oil & Energy Trust	38.5	40.8c	-0.4	2.70
Special Sits Trust	108.8	115.5	-0.8	0.74
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	80.8	85.8	..	1.20
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA				
01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	90.2	95.9	-0.2	1.10
American Growth	67.5	71.8	+0.5	0.87
American Inc	73.0	77.7	+0.1	4.31
European Growth	243.8	259.4	+1.1	0.23
Gold & Minerals	49.8	53.0	+0.2	0.85
Japan Growth	155.1	164.9	+0.9	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 5903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	115.2	119.7		9.34
Growth Equity	213.1	225.6		1.82
Guardhill	294.2	304.8	-1.2	2.71
N American	148.1	157.8	-0.5	1.33
Pacific	269.1	284.8	+3.3	0.09
Property Share	289.1	306.0c	-1.3	1.30
Smaller Companies	231.4	244.9	..	1.60
European Trust	278.5	294.8	+1.2	0.96
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
High Income	53.3	57.2●	-0.1	6.26
N Amer Trust	115.4	122.8	+0.1	0.73
Recovery	245.1	260.8	-2.2	1.85
Gilt Trust	37.7	39.1	-0.2	9.26
St Vincent Inc	91.9	94.8	-0.4	4.98
St Vincent US Gth	75.8	79.0	-0.8	0.74
Temple Bar Sm Co's	189.5	200.0	..	3.41
Euro Gth Tst	50.5	53.5	+0.4	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	145.1	154.0●	-0.5	1.68
Hambros N Amer	68.0	72.1	+0.2	0.90
Hambros Jap & F E	129.1	137.0	+0.5	0.44
Hambros Scandvn	80.3	85.2	..	0.90
Hambros European	109.0	115.6	+0.4	0.80
Hambros Canadian	51.6	54.8	+0.3	1.19

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Hambros Equity Inc	92.3	97.9	+0.6	4.80
Hambros High Inc	84.3	89.2	-0.1	5.13
Hambros Res Assets	66.2	70.2	-0.8	1.81
Hambros Intl Sits	57.8	61.3	-0.5	0.82
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	114.0	121.9	+0.7	0.16
Amer Smaller Co's	53.9	57.7	+0.1	0.23
Australian	86.1	92.1	-3.6	1.64
Capital Growth Inc	62.8	67.2	-0.4	1.50
Do Accum	72.9	78.0	-0.5	1.50
European	278.2	298.5	+2.0	1.18
Euro Inc Tst	50.0	52.8	+0.2	3.92
Euro Smaller Co's	109.8	119.4	+1.3	0.58
Extra Income	187.8	200.9	-0.3	3.95
Financial Trust	164.9	175.4	..	2.40
Fixed Interest Tst	54.8	58.1	-0.2	9.98
Gilt Trust	42.2	44.9	-0.2	9.08
Global Healthcare	79.9	84.4	+0.1	0.01
Global Resources	81.8	88.2	+0.2	0.98
Global Tech	120.1	128.5	-0.5	0.41
Gold	64.8	68.8	-0.1	2.26
High Income Tst	202.7	216.8	-1.2	4.38
Hong Kong	70.2	75.1	-0.4	1.93
Income & Growth Inc	156.4	168.4	-1.5	3.21
Do Accum	309.9	329.9	-2.9	3.21
Income Assets	119.2	126.8	-1.2	3.45
International	186.9	199.9	-5.3	0.79
Japan Special Sits	180.3	192.0	+4.5	0.01
Japan Tst	172.5	183.3	+3.9	0.01
North American	148.9	159.3c	-1.2	0.54
Pacific Smaller Co's	81.9	87.8	-0.2	1.14
Pref & Gilt	48.9	52.3	+0.1	9.97
Recovery Tst	115.7	123.9	-0.1	2.27
Singapore & Malay	37.4	40.0c	+0.1	0.85
Smaller Co's Div	129.5	138.5●	+0.1	4.32
Special Sits Inc	149.1	159.5	-0.3	1.56
Do Accum	210.2	224.8	-0.4	1.56
Worldwide	399.5	420.6	..	2.49
Euro Exempt	135.6	142.9	+0.8	2.11
Global Tech Exempt	83.0	87.5	-0.8	1.09
High Income Exempt	191.5	199.4	-0.9	4.73
Japan Exempt	177.1	186.4	+4.0	0.16
N Amer Exempt	89.5	94.2	-0.2	1.61
Pacific Exempt	204.5	215.9	-2.8	2.07
Smaller Co's Exempt	125.5	132.1	+0.4	1.58
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	581.9	615.8	..	2.92
Capital Trust Units	108.3	114.7	..	2.55
Dollar Trust Units	198.4	210.0	..	2.20
European Trust	152.8	161.9●	+0.4	0.84
Far East Trust	141.3	149.6	+0.8	0.56
Financial Trust	385.5	408.1	..	2.64
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	27.8	28.7	..	9.98
Do Growth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield Trust	70.5	74.7	..	4.82
Income Trust	88.7	95.0	..	4.33
International	140.7	148.9●	..	1.74
Japan Tech Tst	37.7	39.9	..	0.00
Natural Resources	40.9	43.2	..	1.74
Security Trust	202.7	214.6	..	3.05
Smaller Cos	95.2	100.8	..	1.79
Special Sits	105.4	111.8	..	2.26
US Smaller Cos	25.5	27.0	+0.3	0.93
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
35, Fountain Street, Manchester				
(03038) 93384				
Equity & Gen	48.6	52.0	-0.8	1.84
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	62.8	66.8	-0.2	10.79
Higher Inc	126.2	135.0	-0.3	4.76
Income	53.9	57.5	+0.2	3.55
International	282.6	302.8	-0.2	1.48
KLEINWORT BENSON				
'SEE BARRINGTON MGMT CO LTD'				
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE				
01-588 2800				
Income Fund	473.2	482.9	..	5.07
International & Gen	272.5	278.1	..	0.95
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex				
0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	287.8	306.2	-3.2	2.56
Do Accum	455.2	484.3	-5.1	2.56
Do Income	63.6	67.9●	-0.4	4.80
European	78.9	83.9	+1.1	1.54
Far Eastern	121.6	129.4	+2.4	0.70
Gilt Trust	74.1	78.4	-0.8	7.54
O'seas Equity	87.6	93.2	+0.3	1.62
Natural Res	77.1	82.0	-1.2	1.72
N American Trust	84.2	89.6c	-0.1	1.82
UK Special Sits	69.7	74.1	-0.4	0.27
International Bond	48.2	51.3	+0.4	6.82
Japanese Tst	53.0	56.4	+1.6	0.89
Managed Tst	49.4	52.6	+0.3	2.85
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex				
0444 459144				
Balanced	195.2	207.6	-2.5	2.85
Do Accum	352.2	374.6	-4.7	2.85
Cont'l Euro Gth Inc	47.2	50.2	+0.2	0.80
Do Accum	47.2	50.2	+0.2	0.80
Energy Intl	57.1	60.7	+0.1	2.80
Do Accum	64.0	68.0	+0.1	2.80
Extra Income	167.0	177.6	-1.1	5.00
Do Accum	306.4	325.9	-1.8	5.00
German Gth Inc	73.1	77.7	-0.2	0.25
Do Accum	73.3	77.9	-0.2	0.25
Income	289.9	308.4	-2.6	4.36
Do Accum	582.5	619.5	-5.1	4.36
Intl Tech	197.9	210.5	+0.3	0.24
Do Accum	207.0	220.2	+0.2	0.24
Japan Growth	82.7	87.9	+1.6	0.02
Do Accum	82.9	88.1	+1.6	0.02
N Amer & Gen	108.4	115.3c	-0.1	1.12
Do Accum	117.1	124.5	..	1.12
Pacific Basin	149.9	159.4	+1.7	0.02
Do Accum	158.5	168.4	+1.8	0.02
Smaller Cos & Rec	208.5	221.8	-0.7	1.94
Do Accum	235.5	250.5	-0.8	1.94
Worldwide Growth	216.1	229.8	+0.7	0.39
Do Accum	304.4	323.8	+1.0	0.39
UK Growth Fund	51.3	54.5	-0.4	1.85
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 215347				
General Trust	46.8	49.7	-0.6	3.60
Income Trust	39.4	41.9	-0.3	5.80
International Trust	38.4	40.8	..	0.80
American	34.0	36.1	-0.2	2.00
Japan	47.8	50.8	+0.6	0.00
Trust of Inv	33.1	35.2	-0.1	2.10
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ				
01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	229.4	242.0	+0.1	1.30
Do Accum	267.4	282.1	..	1.30
Amer Recovery	255.3	269.3	+0.8	0.41
Do Accum	278.2	294.6	+0.8	0.41
Am Smaller Co Acc	58.8	62.0●	+0.1	0.21
Australia Acc	131.2	138.4	-4.0	0.45
Commodity Acc	258.7	272.9●	+0.6	2.43
Compound Growth	446.7	481.2	+2.5	3.11
Conversion Growth	359.2	384.3	+3.0	2.57
Do Inc	207.9	219.3	+0.6	5.39
Dividend Fund Inc	449.6	474.0●	+2.9	4.87
Do Accum	£13.45	14.19	+0.08	4.87
European Acc	289.3	305.2	-0.3	0.93
Extra Yield Inc	252.4	268.3	+1.9	5.21
Do Accum	553.5	584.1	+3.8	5.21
Far Eastern Inc	169.2	178.5	..	1.22
Do Accum	208.8	218.2	-0.1	1.22
Fund Of Inv Inc	278.8	292.0	+1.2	2.86
Do Acc	439.0	463.1	+2.0	2.86
General Income	691.3	729.3●	+6.0	3.54
Do Accum	£14.86	15.68	+0.12	3.54
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.2	61.1	-0.5	9.64
Do Accum	91.4	96.0	-0.7	9.64
Gold Income	50.9	53.7●	-0.1	2.15
Do Accum	54.7	57.7	-0.2	2.15
High Income Inc	350.6	369.9●	+2.3	4.89
Do Accum	985.3	1019.4	+6.2	4.89
Intl Growth Inc	808.1	852.5	-2.4	1.72
Do Accum	£13.00	13.72	-0.03	1.72
Intl Inc	63.4	66.9	-0.2	4.88

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Japan Acc	854.2	901.2	+18.3	0.12
Japan Smaller Acc	84.2	89.3	+1.0	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	633.9	668.8	+5.2	3.85
Do Accum	£18.02	18.90	+0.15	3.85
Recovery Fund Inc	407.3	429.7●	+1.4	3.05
Do Accum	533.6	562.9	+1.8	3.05
Second Gen Inc	777.8	820.4●	+5.2	3.31
Do Accum	£15.57	16.43	+0.10	3.31
Smaller Cos Inc	728.0	776.8	+8.4	2.65
Do Accum	£11.44	12.24	+0.03	2.65
Trustee Fund Inc	491.0	522.9	+3.8	4.09
Charibond Inc (6)	107.9		+0.21	11.21
Charifund Inc (2)	436.5	440.5	..	5.33
Pension Exempt (1)	507.5	527.8	..	3.98
NAACIF Inc (3)	39.8		+0.9	8.16
Do Accum (3)	501.8		+12.0	8.16
MGM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD				
01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gilt	80.4	81.3	..	0.31
Smaller Co's	147.3	156.3	+0.4	1.26
Special Features	91.5	97.1	-0.1	0.97
Do Accum	95.8	101.6	-0.2	0.97
General Funds				
UK Growth	39.8	42.0	-0.4	2.17
Managed Inv	60.3	64.0	+0.2	2.56
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	60.9	64.8c	-0.3	7.06
Gilt	24.4	25.7	-0.1	9.45
Inc & Growth	222.4	236.0	-1.8	4.04
Nat High Inc	211.8	224.7	-2.1	4.93
Pref Shares	17.5	18.6●	..	10.16
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	154.8	163.7	+0.5	1.50
Financial Secs	49.3	52.3	+0.2	1.95
Gold	56.1	59.8	-0.2	0.47
Do Accum	67.4	72.3	-0.2	0.47
Intl Leisure	15.3	16.2	+0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	68.1	72.3	-0.1	0.39
Univ Energy	46.3	49.1c	-0.7	1.52
World Tech	44.3	47.0	+0.3	0.00
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	90.9	94.7	-0.8	3.61
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	106.0	112.6	+0.4	0.00
Aust Growth	82.8	87.8	-2.1	1.11
European Perf	82.8	88.2	+0.6	0.91
Do Accum	92.8	98.5	+0.8	0.90
Euro Smaller	17.7	18.8	+0.2	1.05
Far East	58.5	62.1	-0.7	0.08
Hong Kong	35.2	37.4●	-0.1	1.26
Intl Growth	39.1	41.5	+0.2	1.25
Intl Recovery	111.2	118.0	+0.2	0.46
Japan Perf	72.8	77.2c	+0.8	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	15.5	16.4	+0.2	0.00
US Small Co	70.5	74.8	..	0.00
Do Accum	71.3	75.6	..	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	58.5	62.1	..	3.93
US Income	59.8	63.4	+0.1	4.16
Do Accum	64.9	68.9	+0.1	4.16
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	68.8	70.6	-0.1	10.05
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX				
0622 674751				
MLA American	24.6	26.0	-0.1	0.96
MLA General	35.5	37.7	-0.4	1.98
MLA International	59.7	63.2	+0.2	0.83
MLA Gilt Unit	22.9	24.2	-0.1	10.74
MLA Income	45.3	48.0	-0.4	4.68
MLA European	32.9	34.8	+0.1	0.71
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT				
St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts				
0438 356101				
Growth Units	81.5	86.6	..	2.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	108.4	113.2	..	7.27
High Income Units	122.2	129.9	..	4.29
High Yield Gilt Unt	57.8	59.8	..	8.86
Intl Growth Units	143.8	152.8	..	0.31
N American Units	74.9	79.6	..	0.70
Far East Units	102.7	109.1	-0.9	0.17
Smaller Cos Fund	78.1	83.0	..	2.12
MENCAP UNIT TRUST				
Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7				
01-234 5544				
Mencap	146.4	154.9	-1.2	4.81
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS				
01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	101.4	107.3	+0.4	0.63
Do Accum	105.6	111.7	+0.4	0.63
Amer Income	52.6	55.6	-0.2	3.10
Do Accum	56.2	59.4	-0.2	3.10
European Growth	142.9	151.2	+0.1	0.89
Do Accum	147.9	156.5	..	0.89
General	270.1	285.8	..	1.93
Do Accum	443.5	469.3	..	1.93
Gilt & Fixed	83.8	84.2	..	6.89
Do Accum	97.8	98.2	+0.6	6.89
Income	90.7	95.9●	..	3.87
Do Accum	102.2	108.1●	..	3.87
International	265.5	284.1	-5.0	1.68
Do Accum	334.3	353.7	..	1.68
Japan	182.5	193.1c	+4.8	0.00
Do Accum	186.8	197.8c	+4.9	0.00
Recovery	221.9	234.8	..	2.44
Do Accum	236.3	250.2	..	2.44
Exempt Dist	255.9	272.2	-0.3	2.71
Exempt Accum	412.4	422.9	..	2.71
Euro Income Fund	82.9	87.7	+0.4	3.45
Do Accum	86.2	90.1	+0.4	3.46
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Courtwood Hse, Silver St Head, Sheffield S1 3RD				
0742 769842				
Capital Income	83.2	88.2	-0.6	2.20
Do Accum	114.2	121.4	-0.9	2.20
Commodity & Gen	136.4	144.7	-1.0	2.62
Do Accum	194.1	205.9	-1.4	2.62
Extra High Inc	60.0	63.5	-0.3	7.92
Do Accum	72.9	76.4●	+0.2	7.92
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.5	53.7●	-0.3	9.44
Do Accum	86.9	90.8●	-0.5	9.44
High Yield	165.4	176.5	-1.0	5.40
Do Accum	288.9	306.5	-1.7	5.40
Income	185.8	197.1	-1.7	3.58
Do Accum	307.7	326.5	-2.8	3.58
Japan & Pacific	304.2	322.7	+4.3	0.20
Do Accum	319.0	338.5	+4.5	0.20
N American Inc	118.0	125.1●	-0.2	1.45
Do Accum	141.8	150.5●	-0.2	1.45
Euro Gth Inc	134.4	142.6●	+0.2	1.38
Do Accum	161.7	171.6●	+0.2	1.38
Managed Portfolio	55.0	58.1	..	3.47
Smaller Cos Inc	128.3	134.0c	-0.3	2.29
Do Accum	134.7	143.0c	-0.3	2.29
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH				
041 221 9252				
American	123.0	131.2	-0.1	2.60
European	273.0	290.9	+2.1	1.27
Smaller Cos	234.0	247.7	+2.7	1.38
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH				
01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	217.2	231.1		3.10
Do Accum	354.8	377.3		3.10
NPI Overseas	653.5	695.3		1.10
Do Accum	800.3	851.4		1.10
Far East Acc	96.9	103.1		0.60
American Acc	63.8	67.7●	..	3.10
European Acc	59.1	62.9		1.10
Worldwide Acc	58.0	61.8		1.10
NORWICH UT MANAGERS				
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG				
0603 622200				
Group Trust	£13.13	13.82	-0.14	3.34
Intl Trust	141.6	149.0	+0.5	1.17

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OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT				
66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE				
dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	155.9	165.2●	-0.8	1.17
Income & Growth	62.8	66.8	+0.5	3.47
Worldwide Rec	99.5	105.8	+0.2	1.60
American Growth	34.1	36.3	+0.2	..
Japan Growth	53.7	55.9	..	0.00
European Growth	77.5	82.5	+1.4	2.56
UK Growth	57.8	61.5●	+0.7	0.57
Pacific Growth	45.4	48.4	-0.8	..
High Income	35.5	37.8●	+0.2	7.72
Practical Income	65.2	69.4	+0.3	1.74
Do Accum	118.7	127.3	+0.5	1.74
PEARL TRUST				
252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB				
01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	96.5	102.7	-0.8	2.45
Do Accum	144.9	154.1	-1.2	2.45
Income Fund	132.5	141.0	-1.1	3.58
Intl Equity Inc	143.1	152.2	-0.1	1.27
Do Accum	144.3	153.5	-0.1	1.27
Unit Trust Inc	137.5	146.3●	-1.8	2.78
Do Accum	240.5	256.0●	-2.3	2.78
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames				
0491 576868				
Intl Growth	287.0	308.4	+0.2	0.72
Income	205.7	219.1	-1.5	4.48
Worldwide Rec	157.3	167.9	-0.6	1.39
Amer Growth	70.9	73.7	-0.2	0.60
Intl Emerg Co's	83.1	88.8	+0.4	0.55
Far East Grwth	87.1	93.0	+0.7	0.61
European Gth	61.4	65.6	+0.6	1.26
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2				
01-247 7544/7				
International	127.7	136.9	+0.1	0.95
High Income	65.9	70.5	-0.3	3.92
Conv & Gilt	102.0	108.6	+0.1	5.68
Far Eastern	189.7	201.9	+1.8	0.18
North American	132.0	141.2	-0.9	0.05
Special Sits	75.2	80.0	-0.2	1.49
Technology	122.2	130.7	+0.4	0.00
Extra Income	98.9	103.7	-0.5	4.15
Euro Gth & Inc	49.0	52.2●	..	3.00
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL				
01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	433.5	458.7	-4.1	2.84
European	112.2	118.7●	+0.5	0.70
Holborn Comms	55.8	58.8c	..	0.51
Holborn High Inc	67.9	71.8	-0.4	5.70
Holborn Intl	105.6	112.7●	+0.2	0.77
Japanese	106.8	113.0	+1.9	0.05
N American	81.3	86.0	+0.2	0.56
Holborn Spec Sits	70.2	74.2	-0.5	1.87
Holborn UK Growth	87.5	92.5	-1.0	2.03
Holborn Gilt Trust	189.5	198.2	-1.3	2.43
Holborn Smlr Cos	53.3	56.3	-0.2	2.08
Holborn Eqy Inc	52.1	55.1	-0.1	4.87
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY				
31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH				
01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	471.2	498.7	..	2.63
Quadrant Income	255.6	270.7●	..	5.13
Quadrant Intl Fd	423.8	448.5	..	1.65
Quadrant Recovery	293.8	310.7	..	2.26
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT				
St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU				
01-280 5456				
NC Income	94.1	100.1	-0.7	4.12
NC Japan	193.4	205.7	+0.3	..
NC Major UK Co	54.6	58.0●	-0.5	2.13
NC Smaller Aus	68.8	73.1	-1.3	0.97
NC American Inc	291.9	310.5	+0.4	1.12
Do Accum	316.8	339.1	+0.6	1.12
NC Smaller Cos	151.7	161.3	-0.4	1.82
NC Smlr Europ Co's	200.3	213.0	+1.5	0.49
NC Exempt Gilt	£123.0	128.0	..	8.92
ROWAN UNIT TRUST				
33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS				
01-636 5678				
American (4)	237.5	241.5	..	1.62
Securities (2)	761.0	796.0	..	2.44
High Yield (5)	178.0	182.5	..	6.74
Merlin (3)	437.5	445.5c	..	1.32
Fixed Interest	164.0	165.0	..	2.46
High Interest	114.5	115.5	..	13.23
Far East (2)	253.0	256.5	..	0.05
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS				
051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	65.1	69.9	-0.6	2.65
Intl Trust	80.3	84.9	+0.2	1.35
Gilt Trust	25.0	26.3	..	8.74
US Trust	35.1	37.1	+0.1	1.71
Pacific Basin Tst	47.5	50.2	+0.6	0.47
20 Clifton St, London EC2				
01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	122.9	130.1	-0.7	1.52
Do Accum	173.5	183.6	-1.1	1.52
High Income Trust	95.8	101.4	-0.9	4.16
Do Accum	114.7	121.4	-1.1	4.16
US Growth	59.9	63.4	+0.1	0.90
Do Accum	61.0	64.6	..	0.96
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA				
0206 576115				
American Growth	85.2	90.7●	..	0.80
Gilt Income	52.9	55.7	-0.3	9.30
High Income	83.9	89.3●	-0.7	4.69
Income & Growth	104.0	110.7c	-0.5	4.04
Japan Growth	97.7	104.0	+2.7	0.03
Special Sits	121.3	129.1	-1.4	1.17
UK Growth Tst	47.1	50.2s	-0.5	2.02
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT				
(formerly Arbuthnot Securities Ltd) 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT				
01-638 2433 Unit Dealing 01-638 2531				
Capital Growth Inc	62.2	66.5	+0.3	1.50
Do Accum	71.3	76.2	+0.4	1.50
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	152.3	162.6	-1.3	0.77
Do 6% Withdrawal	71.5	85.0	-4.6	0.71
Finance & Property	75.9	81.1	+0.2	3.45
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	48.0	50.5	..	8.08
Do Accum	81.6	85.8	..	8.08
Equity Income	83.8	89.4	+0.6	4.26
Do Accum	198.0	211.7	+1.2	4.26
High Yield Income	81.0	86.7	+0.6	5.92
Do Accum	218.8	234.0	+1.6	5.92
Intl Income	88.2	92.1	..	2.03
Do Accum	88.6	94.7	+0.1	2.03
Do 6% Withdrawal	80.0	85.5	..	2.03
Managed Fund	69.8	70.4	+0.4	..
Preference Income	28.1	30.0	..	10.34
Do Accum	94.0	100.5	..	10.34
Ryl Tst Smlr Co's	68.5	73.2	..	2.18
Portfolio Tst UK	82.2	88.1	+0.2	1.32
Portfolio Tst Japan	100.1	103.7	-0.3	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	73.0	75.6	-0.1	0.88
Portfolio Tst Europe	128.0	132.6	+1.3	0.00
Portfolio Tst HK	54.1	56.0	-1.0	0.10
SAVE & PROSPER				
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
(Romford) 0708-66966				
Amer Inc & Growth	68.8	73.1	-0.1	7.04
Capital Units	109.4	116.3●	..	1.17
Commodity	60.1	63.9	..	0.71
European Growth	121.6	129.3	+0.6	1.03
Financial Secs	102.5	109.0●	..	1.87
High Return Units	202.2	215.1c	..	4.80
High Yield Units	178.8	190.2	..	4.04
Income Units	101.4	107.8c	..	5.46
Investment Trust	99.3	105.6	..	2.26
Japan Growth	101.2	107.6	+1.2	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	118.2	125.7	+0.1	0.00
Masterfund	31.4	33.4●	..	2.71
Scotbits	140.1	149.0c	..	2.54
Scotshares	161.6	172.1●	..	2.84
Scotyields	168.3	179.0	..	4.12
Select International	84.4	89.7	..	1.86

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Smaller Co's Inc	173.4	184.4	..	3.92
Special Situations	104.9	111.5	..	1.46
UK Equity	194.8	207.2	..	2.90
US Growth	76.4	81.2	-0.2	1.25
Universal Growth	94.8	100.6	..	1.09
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST				
Enterprise House, Portsmouth				
0705 827733				
American Acc	141.3	150.3	+0.8	1.13
Australia Acc	89.3	95.5	-2.9	1.10
European Inc	131.6	140.0	+1.0	0.90
Do Accum	135.8	144.4	+1.0	0.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.5	58.4	..	8.92
Gold Fund Inc	45.8	48.7	+0.1	1.75
Do Accum	48.3	51.3	..	1.75
Income	190.5	202.9	-1.7	4.79
Intl Income	123.1	130.9●	+0.3	0.52
Do Accum	170.5	181.3●	+0.4	0.52
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	136.4	145.1●	+1.8	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	74.7	79.4●	+0.9	0.72
Smaller Co Inc Acc	144.7	153.9●	-0.3	1.10
Special Sits Inc	113.8	120.5	-0.3	0.71
Do Accum	118.5	125.8	-0.3	0.71
Tokyo Fund Inc	239.2	254.4	+2.7	0.00
Do Accum	241.5	257.0	+2.8	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	54.9	58.4	-0.5	0.00
UK Equity Inc	110.8	117.8●	-0.4	2.71
Do Accum	173.3	184.3●	-0.5	2.71
Far East Gth Accum	64.8	68.9	+0.9	0.00
Extra Inc	68.2	70.4	..	7.09
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT				
33-36 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX				
01-623 5776/8711				
UK Equity Inc	27.7	29.2	+0.2	4.97
Do Acc	28.0	29.5	+0.2	..
Euro Tst Inc	29.2	31.1	+0.2	0.20
Do Acc	29.2	31.1	+0.2	..
Global Gth Inc	30.6	32.6	+0.1	0.67
Do Acc	30.6	32.6	+0.1	..
Managed Exempt	125.5	130.8	..	2.25
Pacific Basin	24.7	26.3	+0.2	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh				
031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	156.2	166.2	..	2.44
Do Accum	235.6	250.6	..	2.44
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh				
031 225 2211				
UK Equity	194.2	207.8	+0.2	1.69
American	157.4	168.4	+1.1	1.22
Pacific	208.4	220.8	+2.0	0.05
European	268.9	287.5	+14.0	0.59
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041-248 6100				
UK Equity	182.5	194.2	-1.2	2.48
Gilt & Fixed	113.5	120.5	-0.7	9.02
UK Smlr Co's Eq	163.4	173.9	..	2.19
European	220.6	234.7	+0.8	0.84
N American	123.7	131.7	+0.3	1.30
Pacific	199.0	211.6	+3.4	0.51
SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS				
29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031-226 4372				
Pacific	71.3	75.7	..	0.00
World Growth	40.5	43.0	..	0.73
N American	34.0	36.1	..	0.00
Income Fund	49.3	52.4	..	4.55
European	46.6	49.5	..	0.78
N Amer Inc	27.8	29.5	..	1.79
UK Growth	33.6	35.7	..	2.21
Extra Inc	34.7	36.9●	..	5.01
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU				
031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	249.5	265.5	-0.6	2.68
Do Accum	291.5	310.2	-0.7	2.68
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT				
30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY				
01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	116.1	123.6	..	1.00
Pacific	217.0	231.1	..	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	185.5	197.5c	..	4.54
Special Situations	242.3	258.0	..	1.49
Intl Growth	45.6	48.6●	..	0.16
American Majors	75.6	80.5	..	1.26
Small Co's	44.6	47.5	..	1.67
Japan Tech & Gen	109.8	116.9	..	0.00
International Income	61.1	65.1c	..	5.83
Exempt	610.1	638.3●	..	4.70
UK General	36.5	38.9●	..	3.63
Euro Growth	39.9	42.5	..	0.32
Euro Income	51.8	55.2●	..	4.00
STANDARD LIFE				
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
031 225 2552				
Income Units	26.9	28.6	+0.1	2.52
Do Accum Units	30.2	32.1	+0.1	2.52
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031-226 3271				
American Fund	230.3	245.3	..	1.26
Do Accum	260.2	277.2	..	1.27
Do Withdrawal	156.3	166.6	..	1.27
Australian Fund	141.7	151.0	..	0.82
Do Accum	144.1	153.6	..	0.81
British Fund	636.3	677.7	..	4.30
Do Accum	872.4	929.2	..	4.25
European Fund	335.7	357.6	..	0.44
Do Accum	364.2	377.3	..	0.46
Japan Fund	65.0	69.2	..	0.21
Do Accum	65.3	69.5	..	0.21
Saints PPP	182.4	192.6	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex				
0403 56253				
Equity Trust Acc	420.3	444.7●	-4.7	2.54
N Am Trust Acc	62.4	66.3●	..	1.24
Far East Trust Acc	93.5	99.4●	+1.3	0.00
Worldwide Bond	52.4	55.7	+0.1	8.68
European	56.3	59.9	+0.4	1.92
Equity Inc Tst	52.9	56.1	-0.4	4.48
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH				
Dealing no:01-930 2602				
UK Income	26.9	28.6	..	4.33
Do Growth	26.2	27.8	..	2.76
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE				
0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	120.7	128.4	+0.7	1.49
Do Accum	126.9	134.9	+0.7	1.49
Extra Income Inc	125.9	133.9	+1.4	4.99
Do Accum	150.8	160.4	+1.5	4.99
General Unit Inc	169.3	180.0●	+1.6	2.79
Do Accum	281.6	299.5●	+2.7	2.79
Gilt & Fixed Inc	47.8	49.7c	-0.5	8.87
Do Accum	64.4	67.0c	-0.6	8.97
Income	235.5	250.5	+2.7	4.20
Accum	373.5	397.3	+4.3	4.20
Pacific Inc	185.3	197.1	-1.6	0.54
Do Accum	191.3	203.5	-1.7	0.54
Intl Inc	348.2	369.2	+0.2	1.05
Do Accum	430.5	457.9	+0.2	1.05
Selected Opps Inc	71.0	75.6	+0.5	1.72
Do Accum	78.5	83.5	+0.5	1.72
Natural Res	59.6	63.3	+0.2	1.70
Do Accum	61.8	65.7	+0.3	1.70
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks				
(0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	75.7	80.3	+0.1	0.09
Australian	24.1	25.5c	-0.7	0.10
Commodity	87.0	92.6	..	6.97
Energy	29.0	31.0	..	1.91
Equity	136.3	145.2	-1.4	3.38
European Spec Sits	122.1	129.9	+0.5	0.88
Extra Income	122.3	129.7	-0.5	5.48
Financial	297.5	316.1	-1.6	1.86
Gilt Income	97.9	102.5	-0.6	8.45
Gold Income	79.5	84.5	+0.7	0.58
Do Accum	146.1	155.3	+1.2	0.59

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Income	83.5	88.2	-0.6	4.09
Japan	103.2	109.3	+3.4	0.10
Malay & Singapore	24.9	26.6	..	0.92
Pacific Inc	115.0	121.7	+0.8	0.97
Do Reinvest	141.1	149.8	+0.3	0.97
Pref Share Fd	17.3	18.4	+0.1	8.82
UK Capital	75.8	80.6c	-0.8	1.36
Special Sits	98.8	104.3	-1.0	0.80
Technology	48.7	51.7c	+0.3	0.10
World Income	84.1	88.2	+0.4	4.36
Worldwide Capital	154.9	164.8	..	1.00
Equity Ex (3)	94.2	100.9	..	1.85
Do Accum (3)	178.2	189.3	..	1.85
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ				
01-374 4595				
Far East & Gen	68.6	72.9	+0.1	0.36
Japan & Gen	52.8	56.2	+1.0	0.00
Nth Amer & Gen	50.3	53.5●	..	0.56
Oriental Inc	25.5	27.1	..	2.72
Do Accum				
Pacific Tech	36.5	39.0	+0.5	0.89
Tiger	76.8	81.9	+0.1	0.82
UK & Gen	44.6	47.4●	-0.3	2.30
31 UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01 328-3358				
Smaller Co's	66.5	70.8	+0.3	0.00
TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT				
01-248 1250				
American Growth	42.2	44.9	..	0.51
General Growth	55.7	59.3	..	2.74
Global Tech	50.9	54.1	-0.2	0.10
Income Growth	65.2	69.4	-0.4	4.81
Income Monthly	50.0	53.2	-0.3	4.87
Japan Growth	50.4	53.6●	+0.8	0.12
Man Equity Inc	25.3	27.8	-0.3	2.38
Do Accum	26.6	28.1	..	2.38
O'seas Growth	53.1	56.5	+0.1	0.77
Smaller Cos	69.4	73.8	+0.2	2.40
Special Opps	63.0	68.3	+0.2	2.08
TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD				
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 8494				
Australian	65.7	70.3	-2.2	0.68
Capital	347.5	369.1●	-3.4	2.84
Europe Growth Acc	119.7	127.5	+0.3	0.85
Exempt	313.9	328.8	-1.4	5.13
Far Eastern	194.2	207.7	+1.9	0.17
Fin & Prop	63.1	66.8	-0.1	2.76
Gilt Capital	118.8	121.6	-0.1	0.00
Gilt Income	97.0	99.7	+0.4	0.00
High Yield	59.8	63.1	-0.4	5.50
Income	260.5	276.1	-2.0	4.48
Intl Earnings	172.9	183.2	-1.1	2.81
Intl Growth Inc	86.2	90.7	+0.2	0.70
Japan Growth Acc	222.0	237.8	-4.0	0.48
Nat Resources Inc	208.2	218.5	-3.4	1.75
Nth Amer Gth Inc	118.3	125.5●	..	0.83
Preference Inc	112.9	119.6	..	10.80
Small Co's Div Inc	64.1	67.9●	+0.2	5.36
Small Co's Inc	218.8	231.8	+0.8	1.82
Special Sits Inc	118.1	124.0	-0.4	1.74
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS				
UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH				
0722 336242				
UK Equity	136.8	●	+1.9	2.25
VANGUARD TRUST				
65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU				
General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2468				
Growth Inc	200.9	213.7	-0.6	1.91
Do Accum	296.2	315.1	-0.9	1.91
High Yield	222.2	237.4	-1.2	4.50
Do Accum	228.2	242.7	-1.4	4.50
Special Sits	46.0	48.9●	-0.5	1.97
Do Accum	44.8	47.6●	-0.5	1.97
Trustee	146.9	156.2	-1.4	3.59
Do Accum	227.7	242.2	-2.1	3.59
Amer & Gen	64.6	69.0	+0.1	1.43
Do Accum	62.0	69.2	-1.5	1.43
Master Portfolio	£63.58	67.24●	+0.05	2.42
Do Accum	£65.34	69.04●	+0.05	2.42
Abng Rdn Asts (3)	130.0	138.4	..	2.09
Do Accum	130.9	139.2	..	2.09
Far East & Gen Inc	57.5	61.2	+1.1	0.00
Do Accum	57.5	61.2	+1.1	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	50.0	53.2	+0.7	0.85
Do Acc	50.0	53.2	+0.7	0.85
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2				
01-929 1532				
American Trust	69.6	74.7	-0.4	1.80
Far East & Gen	123.7	130.9	+0.9	0.50
Intl Growth	81.8	86.4	+0.4	0.60
Income Trust	92.2	98.7	-0.4	5.10
Japan Growth	131.8	140.9	+2.2	0.10
Small Companies	119.7	128.1	+0.1	2.00
Technology	41.4	44.3	+0.2	0.10
Australia	51.4	55.0●	-1.4	1.80
UK Trust	146.5	155.2	-1.2	2.50
European Growth	61.9	65.6	+0.4	0.20
Hong Kong	33.0	36.0	..	1.80
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT				
13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh				
031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	31.3	33.2	-0.6	0.15
Pacific Basin	23.6	25.1	..	1.70
Canadian Bal Gth	57.2	60.8	..	0.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd	£104.5	108.9	+0.1	8.00
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS				
145 Borough High Street London SE1 1NU				
1-628 6011				
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey La EC2 8BT				
01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	69.5	70.6	-0.2	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	52.0	52.2		
Challenger	90.5	95.9	+0.4	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD				
01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	51.1	54.4	..	7.24
Income	59.8	63.7	-0.3	4.80
Growth	60.5	64.4	+0.1	1.93

The prices in this section refer to Wednesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 15th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
15½	8½	A & M Gp	14	15		0.6e	4.1	20.7
65	50	ATA Selection	52	58		2.1	3.9	14.5
140	125	Abbeycrest	137	140		3.6	2.6	19.8
53	43	Aberdeen Stk Hse	43	48	+3	1.7e	3.7	12.8
83	45	Access Satellite				4.6		
58	38	Acorn Comp	52	54	-2			3.7
19	14	Acsis Jewellery	17	19				9.6
30	15	Adaro Leisure	14	16	●			1.9
110	90	Airsprung	103	108	●	8.1	7.8	..
342	121	Anglia Secure Hms	334	337	-2	2.3	0.7	40.2
114	105	Antler	110	114		..	..	..
153	148	Appleyard	147	152		2.9	1.9	14.4
369	339	Asp Holographics	360	365			..	..
325	280	Do Wrnts	310	330			..	..
153	150	Ashtead	148	153		..	..	..
333	42	Aspen Comms	328	333	+8	4.4	1.3	34.5
139½	102	Aspinall	127	130		8.6	6.7	15.9
585	27	Asprey	550	580	●	14.3	2.5	16.2
33	28	Assoc Energy	27	29		..	..	8.9
175	167	ASD	165	175		11.4	6.7	7.3
153	138	Atlas Equipment	148	153		7.0	4.6	13.7
95	70	Automagic	88	93	-2	8.6	9.5	16.0
72	64	BBB Design	70	73	..	1.4	1.9	17.3
47½	43	BCE	44½	46	+1½			
220	198	BPP	215	225		7.1	3.2	18.0
73	70	BTS Grp	70	73		5.7	7.9	8.5
120	96	Bedford (William)	98	103		6.4	6.3	9.4
35½	23	Bennett & Fountain	25	26		0.7	2.7	21.4
58	46	Bensons Crisps	54	58		..	..	15.7
20	14	Berkeley & Hay	18½	19½	-¼	..	..	32.8
65	47	Berkeley Exp	62	64				8.8
123	122	Berry Birch & Noble	120	123		6.0	4.9	14.2
143	138	Beston&Battersea	137	142		..	..	..
25	14	Bio Isolates	19	21		..	..	..
32	23	Biomechanics	26	28		..	..	..
41½	38½	Bipol	40	41		1.8	4.4	10.1
122	105	Blanchards	118	122	●-2	6.4	5.3	13.0
156	138	Blenheim Exhib	148	153	-2	3.0	2.0	23.2
305	253	Bluebird Toys	298	303		5.0	1.7	23.3
52	37	Border TV	51	53	+2	..	..	..
152	132	Borland	136	139	●+3	..	..	..
24	19	Brewmaker	22	24	-1	1.1	4.8	12.2
123	70	Bricas	121	124	+3	6.0	4.9	10.0
190	150	Br Bloodstock	167	177	+4	12.8	7.3	8.1
57	48	Br Island	50	53	..	4.0	7.7	9.5
59	42	Broad St	45	47	+1	1.6	3.5	..
358	280	Brookmount	340	360	●-8	5.0	1.4	19.1
300	160	Brown (Charles)	197	202	..	4.3	2.2	22.9
238	217	Bryant (Derek)	227	237	+1	11.8b	5.0	8.2
3½	2½	Bula Resources	3	3¾	..	..	..	..
80	73	CCA Galleries	70	75	..	3.4	4.7	10.8
170	140	CML Micro	150	155	-3	2.6	1.7	15.7
48	28½	CPU Comp	39	41	-1	..	..	24.0
185	142	CVD	145	165	● ..	..	..	..
155	125	Caledonian Off	150	160	.			
65	65	Camotech	62	68	..	2.9	4.5	13.3
209	170	Cannon Street Inv	205	208	-2	3.6	1.7	30.8
72	66	Cap & Regional	70	73	+1	..		
160	128	Chancery Secs	152	157	●-3	4.7	3.0	17.2
200	145	Checkpoint Europe	155	165	..	..	..	14.0
161	130	Chelsea Man	158	163	●	2.3	1.4	26.4
14½	7½	Chem Methods	11½	13	..	3.0	24.0	
275	231	Cheshire W	265	270	● ..	5.2	1.9	28.5
29	10	Cifer	23	24½	-1			80.0
108	88	Citygrove	93	98	.	3.6e	3.8	14.5
52	37	Cityvision	48	51		..	..	..
10	680	Cityvision 7%	925	975	-25	..	..	..
111	76	Clearprint	107	112	●+2	1.8	1.6	12.6
156	140	Clarke Hooper	143	148	+3	3.3	2.3	19.7
33	25½	Clogau Gold	29½	31	+½	..	..	..
62	45	Cluff Oil Hldgs	57	60	-1	..	..	..
120	100	Coated Electrodes	115	120	● ..	5.6	4.7	13.7
62	52	Cobra Emerald	50	58	-6			
183	133	Coline	177	182	..	3.9	2.2	19.7
133	21	Colorgen Inc	29	32	..	..	..	..
183	152	Comp Financial	160	165	.	3.3	2.0	30.0
50	37	Comsoft	35	40	..	..		8.4
172	128	Consultants	164	168	.	1.8	1.1	32.3
48	38	Cons Tam Inns	40	44		7.1a	16.9	28.2
195	145	Contl Microwave	185	195	.	3.2	1.7	22.3
115	98	Cowells	100	105	..	3.7	3.6	14.3
100	98	CPM	93	98	.	0.6	0.6	14.2
430	400	Cramphorn	410	425	..	8.8	2.1	19.2
56	51	Cranbrook	53	58	+3	0.7e	1.3	14.6
107	83	Cranswick	87	92	●+2	6.4	7.1	7.8
109	83	Craton Lodge	80	85	●	3.1	3.7	13.1
190	153	Creighton Labs	174	184	● ..	5.3	3.0	21.8
82	68	Crown TV Prods	73	76	..	..	..	..
157	133	Cresta	138	143	..	1.5	1.1	15.7
56	43	DBE Tech	42	47	..	.. e	..	41.7
105	83	DJ Sec Alarms	95	100	..	2.1	2.1	8.0
78	45	Datron	50	55	●+3	1.4	2.6	9.3
202	191	Davies (DY)	195	200	.	4.9	2.5	22.1
80	70	Dean & Bowes	69	72		2.9	4.1	17.3
35	24	De Brett (Andre)	24	25	-½	0.4	1.6	12.3
178	30	Debtor	172	177	-1	5.7	3.3	..
57	40	Delmar	47	49	-1	2.9	6.0	9.5
125	117	Dencora	122	127	+2	2.9	2.3	17.3
92	85	Denmans Elec	85	95	..	5.4	6.0	6.8
75	66	Dewey Warren	67	70	..	10.7e	15.5	4.7
285	278	Dialene	273	283		4.3	1.5	15.2
488	458	Druck	475	480		6.3	1.3	23.0
25½	17	Dunton	23	24	+½	0.6	2.6	27.3
60	45	Eadie	51	54	-1	2.5	4.7	16.4
134	124	Ealing Elect Optics	125	130		3.7	2.4	22.2
27	20	Ecobric	19	20½		0.4e	2.0	14.9
282	263	Eden Fund	260	265	-2	9.3	3.5	15.7
3½	28	Eon Oil & Gas	32	38	+1			92.5
431	387	Eldridge Pope 'A'	400	408	●+2	10.0	2.5	16.3
150	116	Electron House	140	145	●	4.9	3.4	18.8
110	82	Electronic Data P	106	110		2.5	2.3	12.5
48	25	Emess	45	47	-2	.	..	..
26	8	Entertainment Prod	22	24	-2			10.3
265	155	Equitis	247	257	●	7.7	3.1	21.1
115	110	Eve Construction	109	114	-1	8.4	5.7	12.7
410	170	FII	405	415	+5			
380	193	FKB Gp	235½	240½		3.6	1.5	25.5
161	138	F & H Group	137	142				
90	51	Fastbuck	65	70	●	1.8	2.6	24.5
73½	17	Fergebrook	24	25½		e		2.1
155	93	Fields (Mrs)	150	155	-2			

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73	51	Fletcher Dennys	60	65	●	3.6	5.7	14.7
65	31	Flextech	42	46		..		7.7
313	120	Flogas	310	315	+23	5.0	1.6	..
58	30	Floyd Oil	50	54	+1	..	..	21.3
88	80	Ford & Weston	80	83	+2	4.3	5.2	9.8
240	130	French Conn	170	180	●+5	7.5	4.3	11.4
136	89	Freshbake	128	131	r	2.9	2.2	22.3
670	323	Fuller Smith 'A'	335	345	● ..	6.3	1.9	17.7
160	103	Gabicci	128	133	+1	4.3	3.3	15.4
135	78	Gee (Cecil)	80	84		3.7	4.5	..
51	35	Gee/Rosen	46½	49½	●	2.4	5.0	14.5
118	73	Gibbon Lyons	115	120	● .	5.2	4.4	20.3
249	130	Gibbs Mew	214	224		5.7	2.6	24.0
100	11	Gilbert House	80	85		..	..	
54	32	Global Gp	45½	48½	..	3.9	8.3	7.4
186	67	Godwin Warren	108	113	-2	3.1	2.8	15.8
170	110	Goodhead Print	163	168		4.3	2.6	16.5
142	95	Gould (Laurence)	130	140	..	5.3	3.9	10.9
91	58	Granyte Surface	67½	72½	-3	3.0	4.3	12.2
188	155	Great Southern	183½	188½	+1	7.4	4.0	15.9
175	118	Green (Ernest)	160	170	+5	4.9	3.0	15.8
42	30	Greenwich Cable	38	41		..	..	
160	81½	Grosvenor Sq	155	165	+5	8.6	5.4	12.8
190	160	Guernsey Atlantic	185	195		3.5	1.8	55.9
118	60	Halls Homes & Gdns	116½	119½	+5	4.0	3.4	13.0
98	70	Hampden Homecare	93	98	..	2.1	2.2	15.4
31	26	Harmony Leisure	28	30	-1			
330	143	Harvey & Thomp	305	315	+5	8.8	2.8	20.4
266	210	Havelock Europa	250	255	● ..	7.0	2.8	23.7
48	29	Health Care	45	47	+1	1.1	2.4	18.3
462	420	Heavitree	455	465	-2	12.3	2.7	18.0
410	365	Do 'A' LV	405	415	.	12.3	3.0	16.1
150	143½	Henderson Prime	145	155				
390	150	High-Point	210	220	+5	2.5	1.2	26.6
140	45	Highland Part	78	83	+10			
91	68	Hille Ergonom	68	73	●	2.0	2.8	11.4
64	9	Hobson	63¼	64¾	+6	..		
198	105	Hodgson	194½	197½	+1	3.0	1.5	32.7
198	110	Holden Hydroman	175	180	●+3	4.6	2.5	23.5
140	110	Holmes Protection	127	130	●	..	..	
101	101	Hornby	98	103				
35	22	Hughes Food	32½	33½	+½	0.7	2.1	23.7
16	6½	Humbrsd Elec	12¾	14¼	+1½			13.5
189	133	Hunter Saphir	185	190	..	3.9	2.1	24.5
255	130	Huntleigh Tech	130	140	●-5	2.1	1.6	16.3
220	138	INSTEM	140	150	+7	3.6	2.5	12.4
25	11	Imtec	19½	22½				2.6
91	44	Ind Scot Energy	82	87	-3	..	..	10.2
103	66	Intrafied	70	75	+5			
285	190	Intereuropa Tech	240½	255½	.	8.3	3.3	12.4
263	204	Interlink Express	250	260	-5			
32	19½	Israel (Jack L)	19½	20½	..	0.7b	3.5	15.5
470	238½	JS Pathology	450	460	● ..	4.0	0.9	41.7
213	133	Jaques Vert	195	200	..	7.9	4.0	17.5
18	5	Jebsens	15	17	-1	.. e		0.5
148	103	Johnson & Jorg	118	119	●-1	6.0	5.1	13.4
175	155	Johnson Fry	153½	158½	..	7.5	4.8	13.7
143	75	Johnstones Paints	137½	142½	+7	6.1b	4.4	15.5
83	48	Just Rubber	81	84	+2	2.6	3.1	13.7
330	250	KLP	271	280	+1	4.7	1.7	15.6
92	69	Kent (John)	85	88	+1	2.1	2.4	14.7
348	220	Kenyon Secs	340	350	.	15.7	4.6	16.7
83	53	Kewill Systems	72	77	+4	1.7	2.3	11.0
88	50	Klark-Teknik	63	65	..	1.6	2.5	16.3
113	73	LPA Ind	88	93	..	3.9	4.3	9.0
90	48½	Laidlaw	88½	93½	..	4.1	4.5	11.3
125	93	Laidlaw Thomson	107	112	● ..	5.6	5.1	13.3
123	91	Lewmar	103	107	●	3.6	3.4	12.9
395	7¼	Local Lon Gp	380	400	●+10	5.0	1.3	43.8
123	73	Lodge Care	107	112	..	2.9	2.6	22.9
140	110	Lon & Clydeside	120	125	..	8.1	6.6	11.1
198	144	Lorin Elect	180	190	-5	3.6b	1.9	16.2
48	17	Lysander Pet	26	29	..			
113	77	MS Cash & Carry	102	107	..	5.1	4.9	..
151	145	MIL Research	149	152	..	4.3	2.8	14.7
335	205	MMT Comp	325	335	..	7.1	2.2	14.7
160	101	McLaughlin & Har	118	128	.	10.0	8.1	7.1
92	45	Magnetic Materials	66	70	..	2.7	4.0	9.5
133	54	Mainmet	130	135	●+3	1.4	1.1	41.7
95	71	Manor Dev	77	82	..			
176	143	Martin (Ronald)	150	155		4.7	3.1	20.8
35	9	Maxiprint	22	25	+1			
113	103	Mayborn	108	113		4.6	4.1	11.5
124	103	Mayfair City	115	120		4.3	3.6	25.0
198	14	Media Tech	102	107	●-1	4.0	3.8	8.1
98	68	Mallinware	88	92	●+4	4.4	4.8	21.4
24	11	Memory Comp	19	21	+1	232	..	3.3
60	8	Memcom Intl Hldgs	20	24	+1			1.5
181	135	Menvier-Swain	172	176		3.6	2.1	18.5
427	311	Merrydown Wine	368	375	●+2	7.8	2.1	22.6
125	95	Metal Bulletin	115	120		6.3	5.3	16.6
102	74	Metsec	74	78	..	3.7	4.9	11.1
95	60	Michael (John)	68	73	●	1.9	2.7	17.2
168	95	Microlease	138	143	+1	5.7	4.0	11.5
216	130	Microsystems	213	218	+3	2.1	1.0	27.2
47	39	Microvitec	37	39	-½	1.8	4.8	16.4
450	449	Midsummer Leisure	445	455	● ..	5.7	1.3	
193	162	Miller & Santhouse	190	195	+5	3.2	1.7	36.1
193	155	Millward Brown	155	160	● ..	3.2	2.0	34.4
230	154	Miss World	170	180	-5	7.9	4.5	9.2
35	13	Mnemos		.				
238	96	Moorgate Gp	113½	118½	+8	2.0	1.7	21.5
130	102	Monks & Crane	116	120	●+4	3.9	3.3	14.8
163	118	Moorhyde	145	150	-5	6.3	4.3	
57	40	Morley (RH)	53	56	.	2.5e	4.5	15.3
23½	15	Morris (William)	20½	21½	+1			8.4
215	63	Moss Advertising	83	88	● ..	2.9	3.4	21.1
192	125	Musterlin	180	187	● ..	4.3	2.3	15.9
367	213	NMW Comp	255	265	●+15	8.6	3.3	14.2
19	6½	New Ct Nat Res	6½	7¼	..			1.8
5½	0½	Do Wrnts	3½	4½	+½			
29	17	New England Props	25	28				13.0
80	70	Do 10%	75	85		0	12.5	
75	68	Newage Trans	67	70		5.0	7.2	7.8
21	8	Nimslo	10	12	+2	.. e	..	
150	102	Norank	147½	152½	+10	4.3	2.9	19.5
155	43	Norbain	55½	60½		1.0	1.7	8.3
181	79	Norscot Hotels	175	180		3.6	2.0	19.5
31	14	Nth Sea & Gen	21	24				4.6
89	86	Northumbrian Fine	85	88	-1			
70	26	Oxford Instrec	27	32	+2	2.9e	9.7	4.5

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32	18	Optometrics	20	25		..		
310	198	Osborne & Little	295	300	●	4.7	1.6	28.5
46½	29½	Owners Abroad	45	46		2.1	4.6	12.9
143	85	PCT	120	130		4.6	3.7	14.3
255	160	Pacer Systems	163	173	+3	..	..	..
65	44	Pacific Sales	44	48	-1	4.3	9.3	11.0
251	116	Pantherella	125	130		5.3	4.1	11.7
228	168	Parkfield Gp	208	213		2.8	1.3	..
62	10	Paul M Les	56	60		e		25.6
44	17	Paxon	27	29		.. e		5.0
186	106	Pepe Group	182	187	-1	4.7	2.5	17.8
168	110	Pentom	153	158	●+3	3.6	2.3	11.1
43	26	Perkins (J)	38	43	..	1.7	4.1	10.0
148	101	Personal Computer	143½	148½	-2	4.3	2.9	14.9
200	128	Peters (Michael)	132	137	-1	3.7	2.7	22.9
32	11	Petrogen	21	24				
41	25½	Piccadilly Radio	37	42		2.9	7.3	12.5
66	24	Pict Pet	38	41				5.5
78	55	Pineapple	70	74				
72	26	Plasmec	66	69		1.0	1.5	8.4
201	125	Platon	185½	190½	●+3	4.5	2.4	13.8
123	113	Plum Hldgs	120	123	-1			
213	65	Polydoch Marine	110	115				
130	75	Powerline	113½	118½	●+11	2.9	2.5	15.6
140	68	Prontaprint	73	78	● ..	3.6	4.7	8.7
130	128	Quarto	126	130				
308	183	Questel	195½	200½	+3	6.3	3.2	13.1
115	90	Radamec	110	120		..		
48	26	Radio City 'A'	45	48	-1			9.2
58	35	Radio Clyde	50	55	●-2	5.0	9.4	9.3
123	88	Radius	107	112	..	1.4	1.3	16.5
40	12	Ramco Oil	18	21	..	.. e		4.9
115	86	Ramus	107	112	..	7.7	7.0	8.5
95	38	Randsworth	80	85	-3	0.4	0.5	..
78	40	Real Time Control	68	73	-2	2.9	4.1	20.5
30	14	Reliant Motor	20	22	..			17.9
180	83	Rexlin	118	120	-1	0.1	0.1	
95	55	Rockwood	60	65	..			
120	83	Rolfe & Nolan	115	118	●-1	2.9	2.5	50.4
101	93	Rotunda	95	100	..	4.3	4.4	11.8
127	101	Ryman	123	126	..	..		-
155	79	SAC	153	155	+1	2.9	1.9	18.9
126	80	Sangers Photo	80	84	..	3.2	3.9	23.7
35	10	Sapphire Pet	19	22	-1	..		2.8
144	104	Savage	138	143	-1	4.3	3.0	18.0
178	95	Scanro	101	104	+3	5.7	5.5	8.4
195	133	Scot Heritable	163	168	..	5.4	3.3	14.5
148	83	Securiguard	142	147	..	3.9	2.7	26.8
36	10	SelecTV	14	15½				
355	220	Share Drug Strs	210	230	● ..	3.4	1.5	19.3
98	68½	Sheldon Jones	80	85	+2	6.8	8.0	9.7
260	180	Sherwood Comp	245	255	..	4.6	1.8	38.1
198	145	Shield	170	180	..	2.9	1.7	29.2
84	50	Sigmex	57½	62½	..	0.8	1.3	21.1
173	110	Sims Catering	105	115	-5	5.7	5.2	13.5
210	112½	Sinclair (William)	205	215	s ..	7.3	3.5	17.8
236	155	Smallbone	192	197	+2	5.1	2.6	18.2
182	100	Snowdon Bridge	175	182	..	1.4b	0.8	21.0
43	33	Soundtracks	39	42	● ..	1.7	4.1	12.2
190	130	Spo Bus	188	192	+7	4.3	2.3	11.0
21	11	SW Resources	17	19	+1	..	..	7.3
108	85	Space Planning	95	100	-2	2.6	2.7	18.7
252	230	Spandex	242	249	+2			
95	50	Spectra Auto	88	93	● ..	3.7	4.1	14.3
35	18	Spectrum	23	28		.. e		2.8
185	83	Spice	100	104	●-1	4.0	3.9	8.4
71	55	Splash	52	57	..	4.7	8.5	9.0
220	129	Stainless Metal	174	179	●+1	6.4	3.6	25.3
108	75	Sterling Pub	83½	86½	-1	2.9b	3.4	18.9
38½	21½	Sunleigh Elect	31	33	..	0.2	0.6	65.3
93	50	Sutherland (ET)	63	68	-2	4.8	7.3	20.8
135	100	Swindon Pr Hosp	90	130	..	..	..	33.5
265	175	Synapse Comp	243	253	-7	3.1	1.3	20.7
250	183	T & S Stores	245	255	+3	4.6	1.8	26.7
183	116	TDS Circuits	115½	120½	..	2.9c	2.5	5.1
132	111	TMD Advert	114	117	●+1	2.9	2.5	15.3
111	108½	TSB Chan Islands	109	111	-1	..		7.8
120	104	Task Force	107	112	+2	2.5	2.3	18.2
263	76	Tay Homes	250	255	-2	7.5	3.0	11.8
143	75	Tech For Bus	90	100	-12	7.7	8.1	9.5
365	194	Tech Comp	280	290	+5	4.6	1.6	38.4
205	115	Telecomputing	160	170	+5	2.1	1.3	15.8
163	58	Tel Serv Inc	76	78	●-1	3.1	4.0	24.8
157	34	Thermax	152	156	..	7.1	4.6	18.7
545	211	Therm Scientific	220	225	● ..	3.9	1.7	20.1
233	86	Thomac	202	212	+2	3.6	1.7	30.8
56	42	Tinsley (Eliza)	42½	45½	● ..	4.1	9.3	8.5
177	118	Tod (W&J)	174½	179½	+21	4.7	2.7	12.8
50	28	Towngrade Sec	32	37	..			55.6
205	137	Trade Promotion	200	205	..	6.2	3.1	19.1
500	300	Trencherwood	475	490	-5	7.6	1.6	23.1
173	60	Trilion	90	95		1.6	1.7	15.0
280½	200	Tyne Tees 'A'	280	281	+9½	19.5	7.0	7.2
123	58	Utd Ceramic	95½	110½	..	5.4	5.2	17.3
565	493	Utd Friendly	555	565		26.0	4.6	..
132	93	Utd Packaging	110	115	+2	4.6	4.1	8.5
538	330	Utd Tst Credit	490	500	●+5	20.0	4.0	..
121	81	Usher (Frank)	105	110	● .	6.4	5.9	12.9
98	35	Verolan	58½	63½	●-2	1.8	3.0	25.4
100	53	Wayne Kerr	65	67	..	2.3	3.5	7.4
110	93	Webber Electro	105	110	● ..	3.3	3.1	13.2
21	14	Welpac	19	20		0.4	2.1	13.4
98	73	West Yorkshire	95½	100½	..	5.7	5.8	13.3
170	164	Whitney Mackay	164½	167½		5.7	3.4	13.7
193	151	Wickes	190	195	●+2	3.6	1.9	23.5
12¼	7¼	Willsare Syst	10½	11	..			48.9
23½	17½	Williams (Rex) Hldgs	21½	22	-¼	1.3	6.0	17.5
490	98	Wingate	320	330	.	2.7	0.8	50.0
78	34	Wold	40½	45½	-2	1.1	2.6	38.4
98	78	Wootons Better	93	98	-2			..
288	151	Worcester	280	290	●+5	7.9	2.8	29.8
211	143	Wld of Leather	145½	150½	-4	3.6	2.4	15.9
98	63	Wyko	63	65		3.7	5.8	8.7
4	4	Xylix		-				
198	130	Yellowhammer	142	147	●-1	2.3	1.6	21.2
53	29	Yelverton	28	31				
120	37	York Mount	60	65		2.4	3.8	29.2
62	53	Yorks Tst Gp	54	56				
100	100	Do 8%	100	-		800	8.0	
81	18	Zygal Dynamics	50	55		0.7	1.3	7.3

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131	121	Alisa	130	132	+1	3.6	2.7	25.6
895	833	Alliance	894	898	+10	31.8	3.5	42.9
154	138	Amer Trust	152	156	+7	4.4	2.9	42.9
426	390	Ang Amer Sec	424	428	+8	8.9	2.1	67.1
472	108	Atlantic Assets	113	114	+1½	0.9	0.8	86.8
148	131	Bankers	146	149	●+1	4.4b	3.0	51.0
277	240	Berry	275	279		1.8	0.6	..
68½	61	Br Assets	68	69	+1	2.9	4.2	31.2
38	37	Br Empire Sec	38	39	..	0.9	2.3	87.5
508	465	Br Inv	505	510	+5	22.6	4.4	32.8
112	99	Brunner	110½	112½	+1½	3.5	3.1	45.0
820	785	Cont'l & Ind	810	825		31.4	3.8	35.4
253	210	Crescent Japan	232	235	+1	0.5	0.2	..
151	146	Derby Inc	145	148	-1	12.8	8.7	17.5
172	138	Do Cap	170	174				
389	348	Drayton Cons	397	401	+3	15.4	3.9	37.0
207	185	Drayton Far East	203	206	+2	1.6	0.8	.
701	631	Drayton Japan	672	675	+1	1.4e	0.2	..
244	205	Dundee Lon	241½	244½	+1	8.6	3.5	39.9
118½	107	Edin Amer Asset	118	119	+2½	0.9	0.8	92.5
172	154½	Edinburgh	171	173	+4	5.3b	3.1	50.6
448	397	Electric Gen	445	450	●+5	6.8	1.5	75.0
194	165	English Int	191	194	+3	5.5	2.8	53.8
115	98	English Scot	114	116		2.0	1.7	69.7
160	68	Ensign	73½	78½	●	1.3	1.7	74.5
137	117	F & C Alliance	136	138	● ..	2.7	2.0	72.1
232	161	F & C Pacific	228	231	+7	2.1	0.9	88.8
13¾	8½	First Charlotte	13	13¾	..	0.1	0.7	..
365	310	First Scot Amer	363	368	+3	15.0	4.1	35.0
600	495	Fleming American	597	602	+7	8.2	1.4	98.4
215	159	Fleming Claver	213	216	+3	7.4	3.4	41.3
353	308	Fleming Enterprise	350	355	+5	12.9	3.7	39.6
153½	103	Fleming Far East	148	150	-1	1.4	0.9	..
154	127	Fleming Fledgling	152½	155½	+1	3.6	2.3	59.5
156	96	Fleming Japan	148	150	..	2.4	1.6	69.8
176	138	Fleming Mercantile	175	177	+1	5.5	3.1	45.5
179	134	Fleming Overseas	177	180	+3	2.9a	1.6	88.6
172	140	Fleming Tech	169½	172½	..	3.3	1.9	..
398	126	Fleming Universal	186	189	+2	2.1b	1.3	82.0
116½	82½	For Col	115½	116½	+½	2.4b	2.1	78.4
108	88	GBC Capital	106	108	●+1	..	..	..
250	155	GT Japan	238½	239½	+2	2.0	0.8	..
220	149	General Funds	218	222	+4	2.9	1.3	..
348	295	General Cons	346	350		17.9b	5.1	30.8
181	126	Glasgow Stock	176	186	..	3.3	1.8	73.9
367	107	Globe	136½	138	+1	5.3	3.9	35.3
158	128	Govett Atlantic	154	157	●+1	4.3b	2.8	47.0
271½	173	Govett Oriental	254	257	+2	3.3	1.3	..
289	255	Govett Strategy	287½	290½	+6	5.4	1.9	72.1

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
453	310	Greenfriar	435½	442½	+2	2.4	0.5	..
325	215	Gresham House	300	320	-10	8.4	2.7	33.3
227	176	Hambros	224	227	+2	6.4	2.8	48.9
108	104	India Fund	105	110	..	..	..	
910	385	Invest in Success	895	905	-5	8.2	0.9	..
307	253	Inv Cap	305	308	+7	17.1b	5.6	28.7
185	132	Ivory & Sime	175	180	+2	7.1	4.0	24.4
68½	53½	Japan Assets	64½	65½		0.7	1.1	..
118	104	Kleinwort Charter	116	118		3.7	3.2	44.0
160	142	Kleinwort O 'seas	153	158	+1	3.8	2.3	..
330	283	Kleinwort Smaller	325	335	..	12.0	3.6	..
273	225	Law Debenture	271	274	+3	9.0	3.3	33.1
74	56	Lon Merchant Sec	71	73	● .	3.7	5.1	14.6
68	55	Lon Trust	62	64	+1	1.1e	1.7	68.2
137½	111	Merchants	136	138	+1	6.4b	4.7	36.1
30½	21½	Merrill Lynch	26½	-	+1½	..	..	
247	187	Monks	245	248	●+2	3.7b	1.5	93.2
173	147	Murray Income	171	174	●+3	8.6b	5.0	32.1
192	154	Murray Intl	190	193	+2	7.1a	3.7	37.6
395	270	Murray Small	392	397	+4	4.0	1.0	..
435	217½	Murray Ventures	225	229		7.1b	3.1	51.7
510	427	New Court	505	515		22.5	4.4	29.9
267	49	New Darien Oil	65	68	-1	0.9e	1.3	73.6
243	179	929	240	245		5.7	2.3	47.3
65	58	Nthing Inc 83	63½	64½	●+1	4.8b	7.5	18.1
271	225	New Tokyo	252	255		1.1e	0.4	
390	305	Nth Atlantic Sec	388	392		4.9	1.3	
68	20	Nth Sea Assets	34½	39½	-1	..	..	10.9
434	332	Nthn Amer	432	436	●+2	7.7	1.8	
120	87	Pacific Assets	119	121	+1	1.0	0.8	
55	26	Do Wrnts	54	56				
43	35	Personal Assets	42¼	43¾		0.5	1.2	
468	383	Raeburn	465	470	+8	17.1	3.7	47.5
198	157	River & Merc	192½	195½	-2	8.6b	4.4	35.7
297	241	River Plate	294	298		12.4	4.2	34.4
308	231	Robeco	308	-	+10	.	.	..
287	206	Rolinco	287	-	+7			
408	294	Romney	400½	405½	+3	7.1	1.8	61.7
16	12½	Rorento	16	-	+⅛			
161	131	St Andrews	158	161	-1	4.6b	2.9	54.4
429	334	Scottish	422	427	●+2	9.4	2.2	64.9
320	76	Scot American	90	92	+1	2.6b	2.9	..
136	104	Scot Eastern	135	137	+1	2.9	2.1	71.2
100	81	Scot Merc 'A'	94½	97½	●+1	5.4	5.7	..
601	483	Scot Mtge	598	602	+4	12.6	2.1	64.7
335	280	Scot Nat	332	337	+2	7.6	2.3	56.2
785	633	Second Alliance	782	787	+4	26.4	3.4	38.7
170	80	Secs Tst of Scotland	100	101½	+1½	4.3b	4.3	37.1
91	74	Smaller Cos	90	91½	+2	2.0	2.2	68.6

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
119	110	TR Australia	117	119		3.3	2.8	35.2
65½	59½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	65½	67	●+½	3.1b	4.7	31.2
224	109	TR Ind & Gen	120	121½	+1½	2.9b	2.4	52.4
225	109	TR Natural Res	143	146		5.9	4.1	31.1
189	97	TR North America	107	108	+2	2.6b	2.4	54.8
210	144	TR Pacific Basin	207	209	+½	1.4	0.7	..
78	45	TR Property	78	78		1.9	2.5	31.3
131	112	TR Tech	130	132	+2	2.6	2.0	61.9
200	152	TR Trustees	198	201	●+4	6.1	3.1	44.4
183	142	Temple Bar	181	184	+2	8.1b	4.4	32.0
345	272	Throgmorton	343½	346½	+7	11.9b	3.4	41.3
275	269	Throg Dual	265	272	-6			
233	180	Trans Oceanic	231½	234½	●+3	6.1	2.6	50.7
169	126	Tribune	167	170	+1	4.0	2.4	46.4
95	85	Tripleyest Inc	85	86	+½	17.1	20.0	7.7
330	247	US Debenture	325	330		9.3	2.8	65.7
44	38	Value Inc Tst	43	45		1.8b	4.1	
54	33	Viking Resources	49½	51	+1½	2.9	5.7	24.9
78	53	Westpool	73	75	●-2	2.3	3.1	38.5
207	95	Witan	125	128	●+2	2.8b	2.1	71.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
42¾	38¼	American Express	42½	-	●+⅛			
114	65	Argyle	111	114	+1	1.4	1.2	60.4
33	25	Bristead	31	34	●			89.2
153	142	Britannia Arrow	131	134	+1	8.0	4.0	17.7
28½	18	Daily Mail	27½	28½	+½	85.7	3.1	15.1
26	17½	Do 'A'	23½	24½	+½	85.7	3.6	13.0
167	153	Electra	166	168	●+2	5.9	3.5	38.8
179	176	Eng Trust	177	180		4.3	2.4	19.8
300	204½	Exco	296	301		6.0	2.0	19.3
113	88	Exploration	110	115	●	3.3	2.9	14.8
808	600	Framlington	790	810	+22	12.9	1.6	20.8
133	106	Frost Gp	123	128		7.1	5.5	13.5
223	183	GT Management	208	213		4.3	2.0	15.9
7⅝	75	Goode (D & M)	197	202	+2	2.5	1.3	31.3
18	820	Henderson Admin	9½	10		22.1	2.2	19.7
220	153	ICH	217	220	●+3	12.8	5.9	9.7
465	330	MAI	480	483	+1	25.0	5.4	8.8
11¼	220	M & G	272	277	+2	8.1	2.2	38.4
405	252	Mercantile House	402	405	+1	20.0	5.0	7.7
144	124½	Pacific Inv Tst	143	145	+3	0.5	0.3	
49½	27½	Do Warrants	46¼	50½	+3½			
196	145	Smith New Court	152	155	●+2	10.0	6.5	7.6

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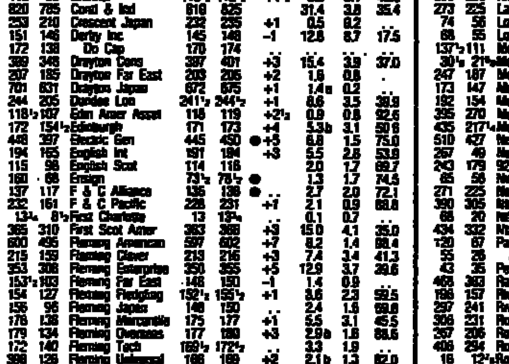

Cocoa action has been unenthusiastic of late. The market is still waiting to see whether the new International Agreement will definitely come into force on 1st February. Prices are around the Agreement's lows but the market consensus remains bearish - both fundamentally and technically. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Feb	108.0-20.0
Mar	unq.-107.0
Apr	unq.-108.0
Vol	0

GAS OIL

Feb	174.00-73.75
Mar	165.50-65.25
Apr	159.00-58.25
May	151.50-51.25
Jun	150.50-50.00
Jul	145.00-35.00
Aug	145.00-35.00
Sep	145.00-35.00
Oct	145.00-35.00
Vol	3935

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	152.4-52.2
May	156.8-56.6
Aug	161.2-60.8
Oct	164.8-64.4
Dec	169.4-66.6
Mar	178.4-76.0
Vol	1431

COCOA

Mar	1377-76
May	1403-02
Jul	1432-30
Sep	1460-58
Dec	1494-85
Mar	1525-12
May	1545-25
Vol	2149

COFFEE

Jan	1555-550
Mar	1560-555
May	1590-585
Jul	1620-610
Sep	1640-635
Nov	1670-650
Jan	1670-650
Vol	3606

SOYABEAN

Feb	134.5-31.5
Apr	132.0-31.0
Jun	124.5-23.5
Aug	122.0-21.0
Oct	123.5-22.5
Dec	125.0-25.0
Feb	126.0-25.0
Vol	105

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	901.50-902.50
Three Months	923.50-924.00
Vol	2100
Tone	Easy

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	878.00-879.00
Three Months	900.00-902.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	291.00-292.00
Three Months	293.00-293.50
Vol	925
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	490.00-490.50
Three Months	488.00-488.50
Vol	1800
Tone	Steady Lower Levels

SILVER LARGE

Cash	370.00-371.00
Three Months	380.00-381.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	370.00-371.00
Three Months	380.00-381.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	783.00-784.00
Three Months	794.00-795.00
Vol	1000
Tone	Barely Steady

NICKEL

Cash	2300-2310
Three Months	2355-2360
Vol	24
Tone	Irregular

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 15

GB: Cattle, 99.18p per kg lw (+5.02)
GB: Sheep 206.62p per kg* (+15.11)
GB: Pigs, 80.97p per kg lw (+6.85)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 39.9 %, ave. price, 100.46p(+5.86)
Sheep nos. down 18.1 %, ave. price, 202.68p(+14.51)
Pig nos. down 46.8 %, ave. price, 80.97p(+6.92)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 33.3 %, ave. price, 95.79p(+4.23)
Sheep nos. up 9.0 %, ave. price, 202.42p(+17.38)
Pig nos. down 83.8 %, ave. price, 81.49p(+5.65)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	n/a	95.00
Apr	n/a	95.00
Jun	n/a	95.00
Aug	n/a	95.50
		Vol: n/a

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	n/a	97.00
Apr	n/a	99.00
Jun	n/a	99.00
Aug	n/a	99.00
		Vol: n/a

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	111.25	111.40
Mar	113.50	112.75
May	115.90	113.95
Jul	118.05	unq.
Sep	100.95	100.30
Nov	103.05	103.25
Vol: Wheat	234	
Barley	10	

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	n/a	110.50
Apr	n/a	162.90
May	n/a	182.50
Nov	n/a	88.50
		Vol: 1500

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	827.0-813.0	822.0
Apr 87	810.0-795.0	805.0
Jul 87	675.0-670.0	670.0
Oct 87	803.0-795.0	799.0

Vol: 411 lots Open interest: 2314
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
813.5 up 10.5 on 14/1/87

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Coats Viyella	Drapery, Stores	
2	Haynes Publishing	Newspapers,Pub	
3	Rowntree Mac	Foods	
4	Allied Irish	Banks, Discount	
5	Liberty	Drapery, Stores	
6	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks, Discount	
7	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
8	Prince of W Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
9	Saatchi 10p	Paper,Print,Adv	
10	Laing (J)	Building, Roads	
11	Refuge	Insurance	
12	BICC	Electricals	
13	TSB	Banks, Discount	
14	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
15	Connells	Property	
16	Barratt Devs	Building, Roads	
17	GEC	Electricals	
18	Avis Europe	Industrials A-D	
19	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	
20	Br Land	Property	
21	Attwoods	Building, Roads	
22	Taylor Woodrow	Building, Roads	
23	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
24	Arlen	Electricals	
25	Tarmac	Building, Roads	
26	Granada	Industrials E-K	
27	Amersham	Chemicals, Plas	
28	Barker (Charles)	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	Fothergill & Harvey	Industrials E-K	
30	Lawrence (Walter)	Building, Roads	
31	Pleasurama	Leisure	
32	Johnston	Industrials E-K	
33	Cement-Roadstone	Building, Roads	
34	Domino	Electricals	
35	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
36	Fenner (JH)	Industrials E-K	
37	Allied Colloids	Chemicals, Plas	
38	Jessups	Motors,Aircraft	
39	Wigfall (Henry)	Electricals	
40	Aberdeen Constr	Building, Roads	
41	Newmark (Louis)	Electricals	
42	Oxford Instruments	Electricals	
43	Wimpey (George)	Building, Roads	
44	Jones (Ernest)	Drapery, Stores	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares rally strongly

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end January 23. §Contango day January 26. Settlement day February 2.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£4,000
Claims required for
+52 points
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BRITISH FUNDS

1986 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
103	93½	Exch	13¼%	1987	100¼	●+1	13.2	—
100⅞	94¾	Treas	10¼%	1987	99⅞	● ..	10.3	—
99⅝	94¾	Exch	2½%	1987	99¼	+⅛	2.5	9.106
99⅝	95¼	Exch	10½%	1987	99⅝	..	10.5	10.832
100¼	94½	Fund	6½%	1985-87	99½	-⅛	6.6	9.478
101¼	95⅝	Treas	10%	1987	99¾	..	10.0	10.890
97⅝	93¼	Treas	3%	1987	97⅝	..	3.1	7.980
104½	94¼	Treas	12%	1987	101	..	11.9	10.654
98½	93	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	97⅞	● ..	7.9	10.151
104⅛	93⅝	Exch	10½%	1988	99¾	..	10.5	10.672
102¾	93⅛	Treas	C9¾%	1988	98⅝	..	9.9	10.581
93⅝	91⅛	Treas	3%	1978-88	93⅞	+⅛	3.2	7.638
102⅝	92⅝	Treas	9½%	1988	98	..	9.7	10.695
107⅝	98⅛	Treas	11½%	1989	101⅛	..	11.4	10.802
105⅞	93⅛	Treas	10½%	1989	99⅛	..	10.5	10.897
104½	92⅝	Exch	10%	1989	98½	● ..	10.2	10.704
111⅛	95½	Exch	10¼%	1989	100⅞	-⅛	10.2	10.716
100⅞	98	Exch	11%	1989	100⅝	..	10.9	10.731
93⅞	87⅞	Treas	5%	1986-89	89⅞	-⅛	5.6	9.098
103⅝	94⅝	Treas	C9½%	1989	97⅝	..	9.7	10.726
92	85¾	Treas	3%	1989	89⅞	+⅛	3.3	7.985
114¼	97⅝	Treas	13%	1990	105⅝	● ..	12.3	10.735
108¼	95	Exch	11%	1990	100⅝	● ..	10.9	10.778
113⅛	100	Exch	12½%	1990	104⅝	+⅛	11.9	10.734
89⅞	81⅝	Treas	3%	1990	84⅝	+⅛	3.5	7.764
100⅝	89⅞	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	94½	..	8.7	9.870
106¼	94	Treas	10%	1990	97⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.194
86¼	79	Exch	2½%	1990	81½	..	3.1	7.755
101⅛	96⅝	Treas	C10%	1991	100⅞	+⅛	9.9	10.681
112⅛	95⅝	Treas	11¾%	1991	103⅝	+⅛	11.4	9.842
94¼	86	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	87⅞	..	6.6	9.391
110⅝	97⅞	Exch	11%	1991	101⅞	+⅛	10.8	9.594
86⅛	78½	Treas	3%	1991	80⅞	+⅛	3.7	8.422
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
116⅞	99½	Treas	12¾%	1992	108¼	●+⅛	11.8	10.605
107¾	93⅝	Treas	10%	1992	97½	●+⅛	10.2	10.550
108¾	92¼	Treas	C10¼%	1992	98⅝	+⅛	10.5	10.559
117½	101⅞	Exch	12¼%	1992	105⅝	..	11.5	10.694
123½	108⅛	Exch	13½%	1992	111⅛	+⅛	12.1	10.673
108	92⅞	Treas	10%	1993	97⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.496
121⅛	98½	Treas	12½%	1993	109¼	+⅛	11.4	10.528
91⅞	81⅝	Fund	6%	1993	84⅝	+⅛	7.1	9.213
128	105⅛	Treas	13¾%	1993	115	..	12.0	10.596
133⅛	104⅛	Treas	14½%	1994	119¼	..	12.2	10.590
122¼	103	Exch	12½%	1994	109¼	..	11.4	10.657
127¼	106⅝	Exch	13½%	1994	113⅞	..	11.8	10.678
105⅝	88¾	Treas	9%	1994	92⅞	..	9.7	10.326
120	98	Treas	12%	1995	107½	● ..	11.2	10.806
78⅞	71⅞	Gas	3%	1990-95	76⅞	..	3.9	6.757
110⅝	90¼	Exch	10¼%	1995	98⅝	● ..	10.4	10.598
126	102¼	Treas	12¾%	1995	112⅝	..	11.3	10.625
133¼	108	Treas	14%	1996	119½	● ..	11.7	10.669
103¾	86¼	Treas	9%	1992-96	92⅝	..	9.7	10.263
142⅝	114	Treas	15¼%	1996	126⅞	..	12.0	10.639
130½	104⅝	Exch	13¼%	1996	115⅞	..	11.4	10.486
84⅝	76¼	Redmpt	3%	1986-96	81⅝	+⅛	3.7	—
109⅝	88⅞	Conv	10%	1996	97⅛	..	10.3	10.460
131	105⅝	Treas	13¼%	1997	116⅝	● ..	11.3	10.506
112⅝	93	Exch	10½%	1997	100⅛	●+⅛	10.5	10.444
101¾	83⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	90⅞	..	9.7	10.276
142⅛	118⅝	Exch	15%	1997	127⅝	..	11.8	10.710
88½	71	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	79⅞	+⅛	8.5	9.846
107⅞	87⅞	Exch	9½%	1998	95⅝	●+⅛	10.1	10.378
148⅝	122¼	Treas	15½%	1998	132¾	..	11.7	10.639
124¼	101⅛	Exch	12%	1998	110¼	..	10.9	10.474
107⅛	86¼	Treas	9½%	1999	95½	●+⅛	9.9	10.185
125⅛	104	Exch	12¼%	1999	112⅛	+⅛	10.9	10.452
114	93⅝	Treas	10½%	1999	101⅞	-⅛	10.4	10.330
109½	91	Conv	10¼%	1999	99½	..	10.3	10.309
133½	105⅞	Treas	13%	2000	118¼	+⅛	11.0	10.453
98	84⅛	Conv	9%	2000	91⅞	..	9.8	10.125
111⅞	90⅝	Treas	10%	2001	98½	+⅛	10.2	10.228
97⅛	88	Conv	9¾%	2001	97	●+⅛	10.0	10.182
137½	110¼	Treas	14%	1998-01	122¼	+⅛	11.4	10.516
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS								
111⅝	90⅝	Conv	10%	2002	98⅝	+⅛	10.1	10.161
124¼	99¾	Exch	12%	1999-02	110⅝	● ..	10.9	10.464
109⅞	89½	Treas	9¾%	2002	96⅞	..	10.1	10.154
112½	91¼	Treas	10%	2003	98	+⅛	10.1	10.134
139½	110¼	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	120¼	●+⅛	11.2	10.516
123⅛	100⅝	Treas	11½%	2001-04	109¼	+⅛	10.5	10.278

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
145	127	Rothschild (J) HM	141	142	●	7.6	5.4	14.8
429	273	Royal Bnk Of Scot	304	306	●+7	15.4	5.0	7.7
[illegible]	538	Schroders	798	800	+6	15.4	1.9	15.3
894	647	Stand Chart	700	702	+2	46.4	6.6	9.8
102	72	TSB	80	81	+4	6.1	7.6	..
858	638	Union	735	740	-5	52.9	7.2	74.3
39½	27¾	Wells Fargo	107½	..	●+⅛	.. f	..	..
315	280	Wintrust	300	310	..	7.7	2.5	15.0

BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
355	298	Allied-Lyons	341	344	●+2	14.5	4.2	15.7
785	765	Bass	765	772	●-1	24.3	3.2	13.7
74½	57	Belhaven	67	69	ƒ-1	1.0	1.5	34.5
222	115	Boddingtons	130	132	-1	4.8	3.7	16.5
608	545	Brown (Matthew)	545	550	●+3	20.0b	3.6	20.0
171	128	Buckleys	168	168	-1	4.3	2.6	36.7
155	142	Bulmer (H P)	142	146	● ..	7.7	5.3	14.6
739	650	Burtonwood Brew	667	675	●-1	15.4	2.3	22.3
495	435	Clark (Matthew)	480	488	-1	11.4	2.3	16.6
234	187	Devenish (J A)	220	225	●-3	3.9	1.7	30.0
216	158	Greenall Whitley	208	210	●+1½	7.9	3.8	10.5
282	203	Greene King	280	282	●+1	8.4	3.0	16.1
335	234	Guinness	297	300	●-1½	11.5	4.0	10.9
648	473	Hardys & Hansons	615	625	● ..	26.7	4.3	13.6
91	65	Highland Dist	85	89	..	3.1	4.6	13.2
147	140	Invergordon Dist	138	141	● ..	6.6	4.9	8.9
205	160	Irish Dist	185	190	● ..	6.0	3.2	..
118	87	Marston Thompson	117	118	●+½	3.3	2.8	16.8
485	244	Morland	360	368	●+3	10.0	2.7	17.7
285	181	SA Breweries	222	230	..	..	..	..
234	178	Scot & New	212	213	●+2½	10.3	4.8	12.9
540	368	Vaux	514	519	●+15	17.9	3.5	17.8
306	243	Whitbread 'A'	272	275	+1	11.5	4.2	12.6
318	245	Do 'B'	288	-	+2	11.5	4.0	13.3
258	270	Whitbread Inv	253	257	..	11.0	4.3	32.7
668	480	Wolverhampton & D	595	597	● ..	13.9	2.5	15.8
330	246	Young 'A'	275	285	-5	11.4	4.1	18.3

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
216	165	Abbey	218	220	● ..	..	..	..
258	200	Aberdeen Constr	233	238	+3	11.6	4.9	21.3
292	251	Amec	284	286	-1	18.4	5.8	15.4
78	62	Amcliffe	66	70	..	0.1e	0.1	16.5
255	203	Attwoods	253	256	●+6	7.1	2.8	19.5
580	445	BPB Industries	564	567	●+20	14.3	2.5	18.7
545	415	Baggeridge Brick	540	550	●+17	12.5	2.3	14.6
175	144	Baron Dev's?	172	176	+4	11.6	6.7	18.2
40	22	Bailey (Ben) Constr	31	34	..	.04	1.2	6.6
174	140	Bellway	169	172	● ..	10.7	6.3	8.1
225	208	Berkeley Gp	222	227	● ..	3.2	1.4	24.8
68	53	Bett Bros	64½	67½	..	4.4	6.7	10.6
19¼	375	Blockleys	18	18½	..	28.6	3.8	14.3
727	621	Blue Circle	703	707	-11	30.0	4.3	10.0
282	233	Breedon&Cloud Hill	246	266	● ..	14.6	5.7	24.5
108	73	Br Dredging	98	99	..	4.3	4.9	18.1
20	16	Brown & Jackson	16	17½	..	..	..	43.6
72	37	Brownlee	69	71	..	3.8	5.4	35.5
181	107	Bryant	180	181	+½	6.1b	3.4	12.4
15	9	Burnett & Hallam	13½	14½	..	..	..	1.5
167	115	Cement-Roadstone	182	185	+4	4.8	2.4	..
158	128	Condor Grp	148	153	..	3.6	2.4	21.6
553	488	Costain	536	542	-1	25.0	4.8	10.8
491	425	Countryside	485	488	..	8.1	1.9	11.6
239	151	Crouch (Derek)	215	220	●-5	8.5	3.9	10.3
148	124	Douglas (RM)	144	148	+1	3.2b	2.2	20.1
126	108	Erith	120	124	-1	5.0	4.1	22.7
155	75	Fels	151	157	+1	2.5	1.6	21.0
105	54	Do 'A'	101	107	+1	2.5	2.4	14.1
172	84	Federated Hsg	126	130	..	5.0	3.9	13.5
103	54	Finlan Gp	100	103	..	5.4	5.3	28.8
104	84	Galliford	102	104	-1	6.9	6.7	16.0
145	116	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	135	145	..	2.8	1.9	38.3
365	323	Gleeson (MJ)	353	358	● ..	8.4	2.4	9.8
152	86	HAT	130	170	..	5.4	3.6	14.2
514	138	Helical Bar	465	480	..	..	..	..
258	170	Henderson	173	175	+1	10.0	5.7	11.5
80½	54	Hewden-Stuart	75	77	..	2.5	3.3	13.4
252	176	Heywood Williams	234	236	+3	10.1	4.3	15.9
643	538	Higgs & Hill	545	555	-3	20.1	3.7	15.1

ELECTRICALS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
220	188	Auto Sec	218	222	+20	2.3	1.0	15.0
337	253	BICC	325	327	+6	15.7	5.1	17.3
183	73	BSR	104	107	+4	2.5	2.4	7.1
147	1	Beck	142	145	+1	..	..	..
132	132	Borland	136	138	●+3	..	..	..
488	325	Bowthorpe	605	612	+11	10.5	1.7	21.8
144	121	Britannia Security	143	145	+1	2.1	1.5	19.8
223	188	Br Telecom	221	223	●+4	11.2	5.0	13.8
99	83	Brown Boveri Kent	98	100	+1	5.0h	5.1	8.4
18½	14	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	18½	+½	0.7e	4.0	32.1
100	77	CASE	97	100	+5	..	..	8.3
392	277	Cable & Wireless	370	372	+9	7.2	1.9	19.3
280	185	Cambridge Elec	253	257	●+14	10.8	4.2	15.3
208	1	CAP Gp	183	185	-2	2.1	1.1	24.6
38½	46	Chloride	58	58	+½	..	..	13.7
254	207	Do 7½% CPF	248	252	..	..	..	..
183	133	Comb Int	177	182	..	3.9	2.2	18.7
383	333	Cossor	357	362	-1	2.4	0.7	17.9
341	323	Cray Elect	330	335	+3	5.6	1.7	26.0
368	202	Crystalate	264	268	●-2	7.3	2.7	14.5
178	148	DDT Group	143	148	-2	1.7	1.2	12.7
86	59	Dale Elect	82	84	+1	4.3	6.0	20.9
245	143	Dataserv	188	190	..	1.0	0.5	..
46	32	Dewhurst	42½	45½	● ..	1.7	3.9	12.5
44	29	Do 'A'	37½	40½	● ..	1.7	4.4	11.1
325	300	Domino	320	330	+6	2.8	0.8	21.8
49½	42	Dowding & Mills	47½	49	+½	2.3	4.7	12.8
172	150	Dubilier	168	172	●+4	4.4	2.6	18.0
38¼	18	Eagle Tst	18	18½	..	..	..	..
430	352	Electrocomponents	418	422	+17	9.4	2.2	20.4
96	70	Electronic Mach	83½	86½	..	1.0	1.2	..
91	52	Electronic Rentals	58	60	-1	4.8	7.8	18.3
319	302	Emess Lighting	308	312	..	8.9b	2.9	17.2
341	285	Eurotherm	335	340	+28	6.8	2.0	18.2
181	59	Farnell Elect	100½	101½	●+2	1.3	1.3	21.8
233	147	Farnell Elect	215	218	+4	3.6	1.7	21.4
144	98	Forward	114	116	●+1	2.5	2.2	18.1
61	35	Forward Tech	59	62	+2	1.0	1.6	25.5
226	180	GEC	197	200	+5	8.3	2.2	12.4

ENGINEERING (part)

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
434	158	Thomson T-Line	414½	419½	-3	.. e	..	..
328	235	Tecalemit (FH)	295	300	+3	5.2b	1.7	24.7
330	133½	Trafalgar House	296	298	●+2	18.9	6.4	11.1
243	233	Transcontinental	300	305	..	9.5	4.7	9.7
215	167	Transport Dev	214	216	..	9.3	4.3	18.5
22½	12	Triplewood	21	22	..	..	..	35.8
90	60	Tricho	60½	63½	+1	0.1e	0.2	51.2
144	105	Triplex	117	118	● ..	2.9	2.5	12.8
241	111½	Turner & Newall	216	219	+8	10.7	4.9	8.4
118	68	Ungroup	98	102	-4	1.6	1.6	15.4
22	15	Unilever	22	22	+½	60.1	2.7	20.2
99⅝	63½	Unilever (NV)	99⅝	..	+2½	..	..	..
296	220	Valor	294	297	●+2	7.6	2.6	16.3
540	370	Vickers	450	452	+3	20.0	4.4	12.0
130	93	Victor Products	98½	103½	+1	7.1	7.0	8.1
153	120	Vinten	136	142	+2	4.5b	3.2	24.1
204⅝	130	Volkswagen	138	..	+2⅜	.. f	..	..
230	138	VSEL	225	230	●-2	8.1	3.6	10.3
205	116	WSL	164	166	-1	1.0	0.6	11.7
178	127	Wade Potteries	175½	180½	+3	5.0	2.8	17.2
270	185	Wagon Ind	267	272	..	12.9	4.8	13.9
68	57	Walker, Greenbank	63¼	64¾	+½	..	..	..
144	69	Waterford Glass	120½	121½	+2	1.9	1.6	12.0
198	160	Wassharus	175	180	..	5.1	2.9	22.6
598	277	Wedgwood	550	560	..	14.3	2.6	18.2
154	85	Weir	131	133	..	4.5	3.4	10.3
279	174	Wellcome	265	266	●+8½	3.0	1.1	32.6
50½	25	Wellman	42½	44	..	..	..	18.6
95	68	Westland	82	85	+1	..	..	5.1
130	53	Westmex	96	101	..	..	..	..
116	107	Westc	105½	108½	..	7.9	7.4	14.8
75	41	Westwood Dawes	42	47	..	..	..	17.5
315	245	Wettman Reeve	310	320	+7	3.8	1.2	22.1
124	62	Whatman	92	96	●-2	7.9	8.4	5.5
281	217	Whitecroft	265	268	●-6	14.3b	5.4	14.5
170	115	Wilkes (James)	120	125	+2	9.6	7.8	7.9
749	268	Williams Hldgs	633	640	+17	20.0	3.1	26.0
190	120	Wills Gp	180	185	..	8.6	4.7	..
694	434	Wolseley	628	632	●+2	16.4	2.6	15.2
98	63	Wood (Arthur)	77	81	..	3.8	4.6	23.0
60	28	Wood (SW)	50	54	..	..	..	18.4
93	59	Woodhouse & Rix	72	74	-1	4.3b	5.9	11.5
138	55	Wyndham Eng	127½	132½	..	2.6	2.0	16.9
178	93	Young (H)	115	118	● ..	5.3	4.4	11.7

INSURANCE

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
229½	195	Abbey Life	225	227	+1	10.3	4.6	..
27⅝	19⅝	Alex & Alex	19⅝	19⅞	+⅛	100	5.4	..
833	700	Allianz Vers	729	-	+8	..	..	..
27¾	24⅝	Am Gen	27½	..	..	89.0 f	3.3	..
411	375	Bradstock	407	410	+1	10.7	2.6	15.9
923	131	Britannic	920	925	+4	44.7	4.8	..
295	257	Com Union	285	286	+1½	17.4	6.1	..
338	261	Equity & Law	335	338	+1	9.6	2.8	..
431	355	FAI	395	415	s +5	..	..	..
954	769	Gen Accident	863	865	+10	34.3	4.0	21.7
853	757½	GRE	820	825	+4	42.5	5.2	23.9
673	424	Heath C E	446	450	+5	35.0	7.8	6.7
375½	285	Hogg Robinson	371	373	●+5	14.6	3.9	15.0
288	218	Legal & Gen	265	267	+3	12.3	4.6	33.9
220	173	London & Man	217	220	+4	9.0	4.1	31.1
513	338	Lon Utd Inv	500	505	-2	24.6	4.9	14.7
74⅝	36½	Marsh & McLen	45⅛	45¾	●-½	22.0	4.8	..
305	220	Minet	242	244	+6	11.4	4.7	11.6
348	230	PWS	305	310	-1	11.4	3.7	14.7
382	241	Pearl	360	363	+17	..	..	..
889	749	Prudential	848	850	+15	38.6	4.5	58.0

TEXTILES (part)

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
177	133	Sirdar	140	143		7.4	5.2	10.4
79	49	Smallshaw (R)	73	76	+1	3.9	5.2	6.8
35	14	Spencer 'A'	33	34½	+½			
188	132	Textured Jersey	131	134	-1	8.6	6.5	7.6
258	28	Tomkinsons	255	260	●+5	5.7	2.2	12.8
113	87	Tootal	112½	113½	+½	5.9	5.2	11.7
353	240	Yorklyde	250	270		10.0	3.8	8.1

TOBACCOS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
514½	444	BAT	511	512	+3½	18.4	3.6	13.3
169	122	Carreras	158	163	●-2			
201	135	Rothmans 'B'	190	192	●	10.0	5.2	6.7

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

Drive for EEC office stepped up

By Anne Warden

Britain is intensifying its campaign to securethe proposed European Economic Community trade mark office for London.

Mr Peter Drew, chairman and managing director of St Katharine-by-the-Tower which owns the proposed site, saida meeting to decide an action plan was held on Tuesday with Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology.

"I think the sensible thing to do is wait for that action plan. Certainly it's something that needs a lot of careful thought: many departments, organizations, and institutions will need to be thinking about it," Mr Drew added.

If the Government's favoured site at St Katharine's Dock, east London, is chosen, the office would be the EEC's first institution with permanent headquarters in Britain.

Taylor Woodrow, of which the St Katharine's company is a subsidiary, recently acquired the freehold of the 30-acre site, a move made largely to strengthen the trade mark office campaign, Mr Drew said.

London's main rivals for the EEC office are Munich, Strasbourg and The Hague, with Madrid apparently emerging as an outsider. The European Commission is expected to produce a shortlist in the next few weeks.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151
British Gas (50p)	72½ +2½
Cap & Regional (65p)	72 +1
Daniels S (130p)	160 −1
Fletcher King (175p)	176 +1
Gaynor (94p)	111 −1
Geest (125p)	174 −1
Glentree (16p)	45
Gorden Russell (190p)	211
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	118 +5
Harmony Leisure (23p)	29 −1
Hornby (100p)	101
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	155
Johnson Fry	156
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	21 −1
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	142
Logitek (65p)	76 +6
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	168
MIL (144p)	151
Mezzanine (150p)	76
Mayborn (102p)	111
Nobo (152p)	157
Northumbrian Food (60p)	87 −1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	122 −1
Spandex (170p)	246 +2
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	110 −1
TSB Group (100p)	80½ +4
Virgin (140p)	136½ +½
Ward Group (97p)	99
Wilding Office (135p)	151

RIGHTS ISSUES

Belhaven N/P	13 −1
Burgess Prod N/P	31
Freshbake N/P	33
Marling F/P	84
New Court N/P	1¾
Property Tst F/P	3 +¼
Parkdale F/P	69 +1
Scanro N/P	6
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11½ Low 10¾
Week fixed: 10¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10¾	2 mnth	10⅝
3 mnth	10 21/32	3 mnth	10 9/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 13/16-10 25/32 2 mnth 10¾-10 21/32
3 mnth 10 11/16-10⅝ 6 mnth 10⅝-10 9/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 1/16 2 mnth 11⅜
3 mnth 11¼ 6 mnth 11

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 12½
1 week 11-10⅞ 6 mnth 11 1/16-10 15/16
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16 9 mnth 11-10⅞
3 mnth 11⅛-11 12 mth 11-10⅞

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅞ 7 days 10⅞
1 mnth 11 3 mnth 11
6 mnth 11 12 mth 11

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16 2 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16
3 mnth 11¼-11 6 mnth 11⅛-10⅞
9 mnth 11⅛-10⅞ 12 mth 11⅛-10⅞

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11 1/32-10 31/32 3 mnth 11 1/32-10 15/16
6 mnth 10 29/32-10 13/16 12 mth 10 13/16-10 11/16

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.10-6.05 3 mnth 6.02-5.97
6 mnth 6.00-5.95 12 mth 6.00-5.95

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅝-6½
7 days	5⅞-5¾	1 mnth	6⅛-6
3 mnth	6⅛-6	6 mnth	6⅛-6
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4⅛-4	1 mnth	4 5/16-4 3/16
3 mnth	4⅜-4¼	6 mnth	4⅜-4¼
French Franc		call	9¼-8¾
7 days	10⅛-9⅞	1 mnth	9⅞-9½
3 mnth	9¾-9⅝	6 mnth	9-8¾
Swiss Franc		call	2⅛-1⅞
7 days	1⅝-1⅜	1 mnth	3 5/16-3 3/16
3 mnth	3 5/16-3 3/16	6 mnth	3⅜-3⅛
Yen		call	5-4
7 days	4⅛-4	1 mnth	4⅛-4
3 mnth	4⅛-4	6 mnth	4⅛-4

BULLION

Gold:$415.25-415.75
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 413.00-416.00 (£274.00-276.25)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 98.00-99.00 (£65.00-65.75)
Platinum
$ 529.50 (£353.25)
Silver
$ 5.5700-5.5900 (£3.6950-3.7150)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 29, 1986 to December 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.392 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 5	Jan 16	Apr 2	Apr 13
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18

Call options were taken out on: 15/1/87 British Gas, Goodman Bros., Lawrence W, Ryan International, WSL, Amber Day, Aran Energy, Hyman, Atlantic, Aquarius, Amstrad, Plessey, BET, Greenwich Res., Tricentrol, Guinness, Argyll, Wellcome, New London Oil, Regent Crest, Arenson, Arlington, Amex, Howden, BCA, Cradley Print, Sharpe, London Intnl. Group, Bailey CH, Barham Intnl., Cosalt, Worthington AJ, Israel J.
Puts: Amber Day, Goodman Bros., ASDA-MFI, Riley, Tricentrol.
Puts & Calls: Hyman, Ryan Intnl., Greenwich Res., Lilley FJC.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	89.15	89.24	89.12	89.22	2750
Jun 87	89.59	89.65	89.59	89.63	152
Sep 87	89.78	89.79	89.75	89.78	197
Dec 87	89.72	89.72	89.72	89.74	15
Mar 88	89.50	89.50	89.50	89.54	23
Jun 88	89.28	89.28	89.28	89.32	10
Previous day's total open interest 14379					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 25677			
Mar 87	94.02	94.06	94.01	94.02	3057
Jun 87	94.02	94.08	94.02	94.03	621
Sep 87	93.93	93.96	93.93	93.94	211
Dec 87	93.79	93.81	93.79	93.78	162
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 4043			
Mar 87	99-30	100-15	99-30	99-30	3919
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	99-04	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 111			
Mar 87	N/T	—	—	97-60	
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 17259			
Mar 87	114-08	114-25	114-00	114-13	22618
Jun 87	114-26	114-26	114-26	114-20	60
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	114-31	0
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	114-19	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 2888			
Mar 87	179.00	180.40	178.50	180.10	539
Jun 87	181.20	181.20	181.20	183.10	3

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 15	Market rates close January 15	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5030-1.5080	1.5045-1.5060	0.63-0.60prem	1.78-1.73prem
Montreal	2.0460-2.0535	2.0476-2.0512	0.53-0.45prem	1.48-1.38prem
Ams'dam	3.1045-3.1230	3.1047-3.1108	1⅜-1¼prem	4⅜-4prem
Brussels	56.35-57.40	57.17-57.38	10prem-1dis	41-30prem
C'phgen	10.4680-10.5350	10.5095-10.5350	⅝prem-1⅝dis	1⅝prem-par
Dublin	1.0368-1.0460	1.0417-1.0427	18-27dis	60-76dis
Frankfurt	2.7530-2.7700	2.7595-2.7669	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4¼prem
Lisbon	215.10-216.30	215.29-216.26	112-161dis	240-338dis
Madrid	193.10-193.75	193.10-193.45	30-50dis	85-120dis
Milan	1956.43-1969.50	1956.43-1962.90	1prem-3dis	par-4prem
Oslo	10.6815-10.7758	10.7500-10.7758	4⅛-6½dis	14½-16⅝dis
Paris	9.1825-9.2500	9.2045-9.2288	1½-⅞prem	3⅜-1⅞prem
St'khlm	9.8500-9.9150	9.8645-9.8894	1⅝-½prem	2¾-1¾prem
Tokyo	229.45-230.75	229.74-230.42	1⅝-1¼prem	4¼-3¾prem
Vienna	19.31-19.50	19.44-19.47	9⅝-8⅝prem	25¾-22⅝prem
Zurich	2.3045-2.3200	2.3079-2.3147	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 68.3 (day's range 68.1-68.3).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.9170-1.9250
Australia dollar	2.3062-2.3103
Bahrain dinar	0.5645-0.5685
Brazil cruzado *	23.0200-23.6000
Cyprus pound	0.7305-0.7405
Finland marka	6.8725-6.9125
Greece drachma	199.60-201.60
Hong Kong dollar	11.6310-11.6440
India rupee	19.30-19.50
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	*0.4270-0.4310*
Malaysia dollar	3.8432-3.8488
Mexico peso	1350-1450
New Zealand dollar	2.8399-2.8527
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6160-5.6560
Singapore dollar	3.2089-3.2141
South Africa rand	3.0885-3.1035
U A E dirham	5.4990-5.5390

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4440-1.4490
Singapore	2.1400-2.1420
Malaysia	2.5630-2.5650
Australia	0.6495-0.6502
Canada	1.3610-1.3618
Sweden	6.5850-6.5900
Norway	7.1500-7.1550
Denmark	7.0025-7.0075
West Germany	1.8425-1.8440
Switzerland	1.5430-1.5445
Netherlands	*2.0760-2.0775*
France	6.1500-6.1600
Japan	153.30-153.40
Italy	1312.5-1314.0
Belgium(Comm)	38.18-38.28
Hong Kong	7.7570-7.7600
Portugal	140.90-141.90
Spain	127.75-128.75
Austria	12.90-12.95

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*343)	300	43	57	65	1	3	9
	330	17	35	40	3	11	18
	360	1½	14	22	23	27	37
British Gas (*72)	50	21½	23½	25½	½	½	½
	60	11½	14	17	½	¾	1
	70	2½	7	9½	¾	3	4
BP (*794)	650	145	155	175	1	2	5
	700	95	105	125	1	7	15
	750	45	63	85	1	20	27
Cons Gold (*718)	600	120	135	150	1½	7	10
	650	70	90	112	2	14	23
	700	20	52	75	4	27	37
Courtaulds (*355)	260	96	106	—	1	1	—
	280	76	86	91	1	1	3
	300	56	67	72	1	3	6
	330	26	43	47	1	11	17
Com Union (*285)	260	27	33	40	1	6	9
	280	7	19	27	3	12	17
	300	½	10	17	17	24	29
Cable & Wire (*370)	300	71	78	95	½	1½	5
	325	46	55	—	1	4	—
	350	21	35	—	1	11	—
	375	5	—	—	11	—	—
GEC (*198)	160	39	44	48	½	1	4
	180	19	36	21	1	5	7
	200	2½	12½	19	6	13	18
Grand Met (*462)	360	105	110	—	½	1	—
	390	75	80	—	½	1½	—
	420	45	55	68	1	5	9
	460	8	30	47	8	22	25
ICI (*1200)	1000	203	217	232	1	3	6
	1050	153	170	190	2	5	12
	1100	103	125	152	2	12	20
	1150	55	85	117	2	23	37
Land Sec (*341)	300	41	49	56	1	2	4
	330	11	27	31	3	8	13
	360	1	11	14	23	28	33
Marks & Spen (*197)	180	17	25	32	½	5	7
	200	2	11	19	6	10	14
	220	½	5	9	25	27	28
Shell Trans (*1042)	900	143	155	167	1	3	7
	950	93	105	120	1	10	18
	1000	43	62	80	1	25	32
Trafalgar House (*299)	260	41	49	56	1	3	6
	280	21	32	38	1½	7	10
	300	4	17	23	6	14	20
TSB (*81)	70	10½	13	14	½	1½	2
	80	1½	6½	8	2	4½	6
	90	¼	2¼	3½	10½	12½	13½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*481)	360	132	—	—	1	—	—
	390	102	110	117	1	2	5
	420	72	82	93	3	6	12
	460	38	52	62	8	18	22
Boots (*248)	200	53	59	—	½	3	—
	220	34	40	46	2½	7	9
	240	17	26	32	6	14	15
BTR (*287)	260	36	40	48	2	6	8
	280	19	26	35	7	15	18
	300	9	18	24	20	26	28
Bass (*770)	700	90	110	132	5	10	15
	750	57	77	105	17	30	35
	800	25	45	65	40	50	53
Blue Circle (*707)	650	72	85	98	10	15	18
	700	33	50	68	18	28	37
	750	15	25	40	45	60	70
De Beers (*913)	650	270	—	—	3	—	—
	700	220	240	—	5	10	—
	750	175	195	215	10	17	30
	800	125	145	175	17	30	42
Dixons (*327)	300	36	48	58	3	6	10
	330	18	30	44	15	22	26
	360	7	18	28	38	42	46
GKN (*301)	240	67	72	78	1	1½	3
	260	47	52	59	1½	5	7
	280	28	36	48	3	9	11
	300	17	25	35	11	17	21
Glaxo (*1148)	1000	175	200	230	6	12	18
	1050	130	160	190	10	22	30
	1100	90	125	155	20	37	48
	1150	52	90	125	42	60	68
Hanson (*205)	160	48	—	—	½	—	—
	180	28½	34½	39	1	3½	4½
Hanson (cont)	200	12½	19½	25	4½	9½	11
	220	4½	10	14½	17	19½	20
Jaguar (*579)	500	90	110	128	1½	6	9
	550	45	65	83	6	12	18
	600	18	38	53	28	37	45
Thorn EMI (*513)	420	105	118	—	1	1	—
	460	65	78	85	2	8	13
	500	33	45	58	11	16	25
	550	9	23	35	40	45	57
Tesco (*430)	360	80	93	102	2	4	10
	390	50	68	78	4	10	14
	420	23	40	57	9	16	27

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Brit Aero (*566)	460	113	118	132	1	3	3
	500	75	80	95	2½	6	10
	550	33	42	57	13	20	23
BAT Inds (*513)	390	128	133	—	1	1	—
	420	98	103	115	1½	3	6
	460	60	70	85	2	10	15
	500	27	43	57	12	30	25
Barclays (*536)	460	82	90	100	2½	7	11
	500	42	57	70	7	17	22
	550	9	22	35	25	35	45
Brit Telecom (*222)	180	44	52	54	½	1	2
	200	24	34	38	1	4	5
	220	8	18	24	5	9	15
Cadbury Schwpps (*200)	160	42	46	55	½	2½	6
	180	22	29	40	1	4	8
	200	7	9	13	8	16	24
Guinness (290)	280	25	37	48	8	16	22
	300	13	30	40	23	28	33
	330	3½	13	23	48	50	55
Ladbroke (*400)	360	47	55	67	1½	5	8
	390	22	35	45	7	13	18
	420	8	17	25	22	30	33
LASMO (*174)	140	36	40	47	1	3	6
	160	17	23	33	3	10	15
	180	8	16	24	13	20	26
Midland Bank (*594)	550	57	67	77	6	18	22
	600	17	30	47	20	40	45
	650	4	15	28	62	75	77
P & O (*549)	460	97	105	115	2	4	6
	500	58	70	80	3	10	13
	550	19	37	50	13	22	32
Racal (*189)	160	29	42	47	1½	4	6
	180	15	23	30	6	12	14
	200	3	12	16	16	24	26
RTZ (*760)	550	215	—	—	2	—	—
	600	165	182	—	2	4	—
	650	117	130	150	3	12	20
	700	74	94	110	9	27	40
Vaal Reefs (*95)	70	25	27½	29½	1	2	2
	80	15	20	22	1½	4½	5½
	90	6½	12½	15	5½	7½	10

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*255)	200	58	61	—	1½	2½	—
	220	38	42	46	2½	6½	8½
	240	20	25	31	8	12	16
	260	9	13	18	19	22	27

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£103)	100	3½	3¾	4 9/16	⅛	½	15/16
	102	1 25/32	2¾	2 27/32	7/16	1⅛	1⅝
	104	11/16	1½	1 29/32	1 7/16	2½	2⅝
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£112)	104	—	9 3/16	9¾	—	½	⅞
	106	6 9/16	7 5/16	8 3/16	⅜	13/16	1⅜
	108	7/16	3 7/16	6¾	11/32	1 3/16	1⅝
	110	3¼	5 5/16	5 7/16	½	1⅝	2 9/16
	112	2	3½	4 3/16	1 1/16	2⅜	3⅜
	114	1⅛	2 7/16	3 1/16	2 9/16	3⅜	4 1/16

		Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Calls Apr	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar	Puts Apr
FT-SE Index (*1783)	1575	213	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
	1600	188	198	205	—	½	1	2	—
	1625	163	173	180	—	½	1½	3	—
	1650	138	150	157	170	½	3	6	9
	1675	112	125	135	150	1	6	9	15
	1700	90	102	113	128	2	12	16	22
	1750	42	65	75	90	13	23	30	37
	1800	12	35	48	63	32	45	50	60

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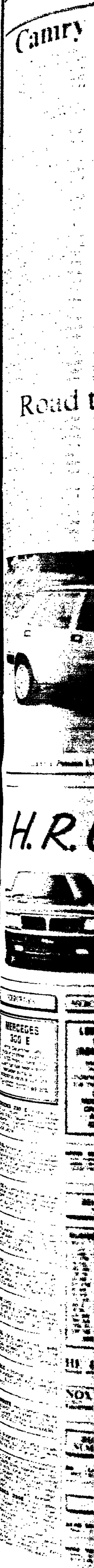

Motoring by Clifford Webb

Camry aims for executive market

Toyota Camry 2.0 GLi Executive: Joins battle for upper end of the market.

The all new Toyota Camry launched this week is a significant new weapon in the battle Japan's biggest motor manufacturer is waging to break into the profitable executive car sector of the British market epitomized by the BMW 5 series.

The days of the cheap reliable but boring Japanese car are over. The reliability is still there but the cars are no longer cheap. So to continue to sell they must now match the attractive lines, performance, economy and driveability of their latest European rivals.

In recent years Toyota has had a sales edge through its increasing reputation as a manufacturer of high performance multi-valve engines. But they all have a weakness. Performance does not of itself make a car a pleasure to drive. That comes from a combination of quietness and flexibility which is missing from existing high performance four valve engines such as the 1.6 litre 4A-GE, the two litre 3S-GE and three litre 7M-GE.

The two-litre 3S-FE engine in the new Camry has the same four valves per cylinder as the engine it replaces but a new twin camshaft alloy head has been developed to provide more torque and power over the more widely used low to medium sector of the rev band.

The difference is immediately apparent on the road. Initial impressions during test runs in Portugal suggest this is by far the quietest and most relaxing Toyota to reach the British market while still producing sufficient punch to satisfy the enthusiastic driver.

The bonnet and nose are more steeply slanted and lower than in the old Camry. The windscreen is also more steeply raked. Together with softer, smoother lines this gives the car a very European look, while the increased rigidity of the body has resulted in reduced noise and vibration.

Six versions are being imported, all powered by the new engine, except a 2 litre turbo-charged diesel and including two attractive estate cars. Toyota has not had a large estate in its line-up since the days of the rather ugly Cressida Crown models. The new Camry estate at £10,519 will fill this significant gap in the estate conscious British market.

Prices for the saloon start at £10,390. Claimed top speed is an impressive 125mph but more importantly it will accelerate from 0 to 60mph in a little over nine seconds.

Road test: Lancia Prisma LX

By holding its prices stable since last summer while the competition have raised theirs Lancia has given its cars a considerable price advantage. Its mid-range models are now up to £1,500 cheaper than their equivalent rivals.

For example the Prisma LX, the top version of the 1.6 litre sports saloon which I tested recently, sells for £8,295 compared with £9,344 for the Rover 216 Vanden Plas, £9,014 for the Ford Orion 1.6i Ghia and £9,695 for the BMW 318.

When Prisma was launched here some three and a half years ago it was pleasant enough to drive but lacked the refinement which one expects. Last summer however Prisma and its hatchback equivalent Delta were extensively modernized to improve appearance, interior. styling, performance, economy, comfort and safety. A new impact resistant front bumper incorporates a bigger air dam and there is a more steeply sloped radiator grille. Thinner window frames, flusher fitting windscreens and drip channels reduce fuel wasting drag and give the whole car a cleaner appearance.

The 1.6i twin overhead cam engine already had one of the highest power outputs and torque in its class. This has been further increased by changes to the cylinder head, pistons and camshafts. It is also now fitted with the new Weber Marelli electronic system which controls fuel injection, ignition timing, startup and slow running.

Finally the transversely installed engine has been rotated 180 degrees and inclined forward 18 degrees. This has brought the exhaust system to the front improving cooling in the engine bay.

Two versions of the Prisma are imported, the 1600ie costing £7,400 and the nearly £900 more expensive LX. For that you get alloy wheels, electric rear windows, rear head restraints, sun blinds, sliding steel sun-roof and metalic paint. The cheaper model is by far the best buy as both models have wool fabric upholstery, front electric windows, central door locking and a check control panel monitoring oil, water, brake fluid, brake wear and door closing.

Vital statistics

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Performance: 0-62mph 10 seconds, maximum speed 115mph
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Lancia Prisma LX: Given a price advantage over its rivals.

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'Clamp down on aid for new firms'

Policies to help small businesses in Britain should be more selective, says Dr David Storey, senior research associate at the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies at Newcastle University. He argues that it is possible to tell within the first three years of a company's life whether or not it is going to succeed and grow in the long term.

Once companies are more than two to three years old they are very different, he says. Their qualifications for grant aid become more apparent.

"If you enable a few companies to grow faster you will gain more than by enabling every Tom Dick or Harry to *start his own business*," says Dr Storey, adding: "We think that the government is to some degree coming round to our point of view. There is no doubt that the Government's small firms policy is now starting to be a lot more selective than it has been in the past."

Many European governments were moving towards the British model of assisting new firms, he says. The West Germans were worried that their entrepreneurs tended not to start business until relatively late: typical ages were in the late 30s, compared with around 30 or early 30s in Britain.

Dr Storey and his colleagues at Newcastle have tracked every manufacturing business in the north-east of England over the past 18 years, and the group's database covers 6,000 companies.

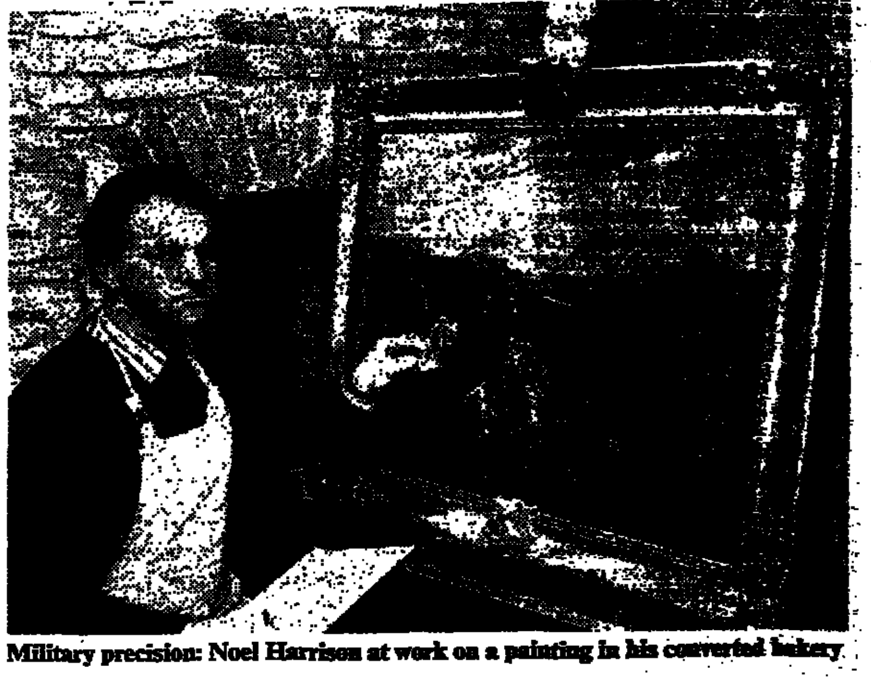
Among their findings was that a typical three-year-old firm had assets and employment of about one-third that of a fast-growing three-year old firm.

Historically Britain had more people starting businesses than ever before, but the need now was to overcome companies' lack of competitiveness.

● A study of the issues, *The Performance of Small Firms*, by David Storey, Kevin Keasey, Robert Watson and Pooran Wynarczyk, is published by Croom Helm in March, (£45).

Portrait of an 'artist' whose hobby became his livelihood

By Sarah Roche



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When I visited him, he was busy restoring an oil painting of a cavalry officer, through which some inebriated subaltern had put a wineglass. The bulk of his work still comes from the Army, which has a tradition of preserving works of art.

Harrison and his wife, Griselda, are constantly having to develop their expertise as, increasingly, conservation work, as well as framing commissions, come in from local galleries. They also do small production runs; framing prints for a local company.

So far, they have not needed to advertise because business has flowed in steadily. Harrison has the great advantage of Army management programmes to deal with costing and profit forecast.

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"During the first year I had my Army pension of £4,500, and £40 a week from the Enterprise Scheme, and we managed to achieve a turnover of £11,000."

He aims to double that figure this year and to extend his outlets further. He particularly enjoys one-off jobs which allow him to make use of his carpentry skills.

While he is grateful for the help he received from the Enterprise Scheme, he is strongly critical of the lack of feedback to the Government. "If the Government is as interested in people setting up their own business as it claims to be, it is difficult to understand why they don't bother to gather any information from those they have helped.

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TENNIS: CENTRE-COURT SURFACE CRITICIZED BUT CASH AND BECKER OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS

Conquering hero feels the strain

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Melbourne

Pat Cash, who dominated last month's Davis Cup final on the same court, hardly looked the conquering hero when he returned to the centre court in the Australian championships yesterday. Playing an Italian he had never seen before, Cash had trouble with his service returns on the badly worn court (damaged by Davis Cup play), lost a set and had his service broken in the first game of the fourth set – a game he began love-15 down because he had been penalized a point for bad language.

To complete the impression of disorder, Cash's shoes had different-coloured trims. But all worked out well in the end because Cash beat the 1985 world junior champion, Claudio Pistolesi, by 7-5, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. "I had heard that he did not have a very good serve," Cash said, "but the guy was hitting a lot of good second serves and I was returning them all over the place. The court has had too much play. It's rough. It was difficult to return serve."

Pointing out that Australia's other Davis Cup players, Paul McNamee and John Fitzgerald, had already been beaten, Cash said: "The Davis Cup takes a lot out of you. I'm a bit tired, mentally. I have been run-down. But a lot of good things came out of the Davis Cup, too. It has given me confidence and now that we're world champions, other Australian players are feeling keen."

Apropos of the Davis Cup and recent training and practice, Cash added that "there's a fine line between being warmed up and worn out," a trenchant but cryptic comment that could have all kinds of connotations. As for the fact that one shoe was trimmed in red, the other in blue, Cash explained that the shoe on his right foot tended to wear out so quickly that he always had a spare with him. Yesterday he needed it and the trim happened to be of a different colour.

There is no player of comparable class to share the task of playing singles for Australia but the most talented candidate, Mark Kratzmann, seems to be fulfilling a promise that has long been evident. The left-handed Kratzmann, aged 20, is fair-haired, bandy, wears a cap sliced like a cake into green and yellow segments, and has a wealth of shots. This week he has beaten two Americans and must now play a third, Ken Flach, for a place in the last 16.

Kratzmann explained yesterday that he was receiving sound advice from Bob ("Nails") Carmichael, a formerly familiar figure on the circuit, and that his concentration and "mental attitude" in general had also been improved by his educational supporting role during the Davis Cup campaign, by a few comments from Cash, and by the fact that Kratzmann was planning to marry and, as he put it, "settle down".

Late nights and drinking were not for him, Kratzmann said. "It's just early nights – a lot of sleep is good for you." His fiancée is from Manchester and they hope to marry at Westminster Abbey, possibly during the Wembley or Queen's Club tournaments ("I want a lot of my mates to be there").

The singles events have both been reduced to 32 and the five seeds beaten so far – Johan Kriek, Milan Srejber, Jakob Hlasek, Terry Phelps and Rosalyn Fairbank – were not among the fancied contenders. The experienced Miss Fairbank, shrewd and tidy, was beaten 3-6, 6-4, 8-6 yesterday by Janine Thompson, aged 19, who (like Kratzmann) is an Australian left-hander.

Miss Thompson is only 5ft 4in tall, often has a weight problem (presently under control) and has been coached by Tony Roche and Terry Rocavert. She serves well, goes for her shots, hits hard and on yesterday's evidence is learning to maintain her discipline when it matters most. She confesses that in the past she has often become over-anxious and sprayed the ball about when a match "got tight".

A third Australian left-hander, Dianne Balestrat (née Fromholtz), will be the next opponent for Anne Hobbs, of Britain, who had a 6-2, 6-3 win yesterday over another British player, Sara Gomer. By comparison with the eager and waspishly lively Miss Hobbs, who was more adept at realizing what was needed (and producing it), Miss Gomer looked too listless and confused to do herself justice.

How refreshing it was to see three exciting left-handers scattered about Kooyong at the start of the day. They were Kratzmann, Miss Thompson and that thrilling entertainer, Henri Leconte, who took a long time to adjust his game to Todd Nelson and that rather threadbare centre court. Nelson played two admirable sets and, when Leconte began to "fire", cheerfully admired the Frenchman's virtuosity and responded to his sense of fun.

Swishing hands and rackets about to ward off flies, the players illustrated one of the special features of tennis at Kooyong. Another, incidentally, is the sight of journalists daubing themselves with anti-sunburn lotion before heading for the courts.

Wendy Turnbull avenged a Wimbledon defeat by beating her compatriot, Jenny Byrne, aged 19, Miss Thompson's doubles partner. Later Miss Turnbull asserted that the "really terrible" centre-court surface was unfit for play. Another Australian, Brod Dyke, was overpowered in the remaining set of his interrupted match with Boris Becker. But with Becker and an Australian in action, if only for one set, the packed centre-court crowd could not have responded more gratefully if presented with a day's supply of Fosters free of charge.

The best one-liner of the day came from Yannick Noah. Someone with a gift for the absurd asked Noah if it had taken him long to acclimatize to the heat. Noah responded with gentle tolerance: "No. I'm from Africa, you know."

Stretching out: Becker turns on the power which finally ended Dyke's stubborn resistance

Results from Melbourne

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: D Goldie (US) bt Russell Simpson (NZ), 6-3, 7-5, 7-6; D Rostagno (US) bt R Matuszewski (US), 7-5, 6-1, 6-1; M Kratzmann (Aus) bt M Davis (US), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; B Testerman (US) bt M Schapers (Neth), 7-6, 6-1, 6-4; H Leconte (Fr) bt T Nelson (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Frana (Arg) bt A Maurer (WG), 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt K Jones (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-0, 6-4; C Van Rensburg (SA) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; Y Noah (Fr) bt D McPherson (Aus), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; P Doohan (Aus) bt B Scanlon (US), 6-3, 1-6, 7-6, 7-6; B Pearce (US) bt D Visser (SA), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3, 4-6, 12-10; R Seguso (US) bt R Green (US), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; B Schultz (US) bt S Davis (US), 4-6, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; B Becker (WG) bt B Dyke (Aus), 6-7, 6-1, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt B Drewett (Aus), 7-5, 6-3, 6-2; P Cash (Aus) bt C Pistolesi (It), 7-5, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; G Muller (SA) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 7-5, 5-7, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; P Annacone (US) bt S Wood (Aus), 6-7, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: K Richter and R Rudeen (US) bt P Carter and A Lane (Aus), 7-6, 7-6; M Anger and T Pawsat (US) bt J Levine and L Shiras (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; T Mmoh and N Odizor (Nig) bt D Graham (Aus) and R Matuszewski (US), 6-3, 6-4; P McNamara and P McNamee (Aus) bt M de Palmer and B Testerman (US), 7-6, 6-4; G Connell (Can) and C Kennedy (US) bt B Derlin and R Simpson (NZ), 6-4, 7-6; K Evernden (NZ) and R Green (US) bt G Bloom (Isr) and P Kuhnen (WG), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: A Hobbs (GB) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-2, 6-3; M Maleeva (Bul) bt Y Kuzumi (Japan), 6-4, 6-1; A Holikova (Cz) bt W Probst (WG), 5-7, 6-4, 8-6; T Mochizuki (US) bt C Singer (WG), 6-3, 6-3; W Turnbull (Aus) bt J Byrne (Aus), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; M Werdel (US) bt G Fernandez (P Rico), 6-2, 6-3; R White (US) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 6-1, 6-4; S Hanika (WG) bt E Inoue (Japan), 6-4, 6-4; C Jolissaint (Switz) bt B Nagelsen (US), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; R White (US) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 6-1, 6-4; Z Garrison (US) bt H Ludloff (US), 6-1, 6-1; H Sukova (Cz) bt H Na (USA), 6-4, 7-6; C Benjamin (US) bt H Kelesi (Can), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

GLIDING

The men in these flying machines really are of the magnificent mould

David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, reports on the world championships from Benalla, Victoria.

My senior tutor at university, a world authority on insect flight, was regarded superficially as a nice though rather timid man. This could prove an illusion when you came to request an exeat to visit London, which I often did, and he turned obstinate. Thirty years later, after visiting the scene of the world gliding championships, I think I understand him a little better. He was also a glider pilot: and this breed, I have come to the conclusion, are, behind socially conventionally manners, partially inhibited extroverts. Gliding provides a release for mental aggression.

As with other sports dependent on the forces of nature – sailing, mountaineering and skiing – gliding gives you the loneliness of the long-distance runner while simultaneously demanding the concentration of a chess player and the judgement of a steeplejack. Even when quietly drinking a Foster's, glider pilots seem to have a faraway look in their eye; which no doubt their wives, who loyally follow them around the circuit to polish their fuselage and ego, have learned to live with.

They will use rather than confront foes' strength

This is not to say they are inhospitable. The British team, sponsored here by the O and K heavy engineering group, of six pilots, a reserve, a team manager and a dozen willing crew (helpers), could not have been friendlier, while those organizing the championships in Benalla have been the most accommodating hosts of any international event I have attended.

After all that courtesy, they go aloft intellectually to inspect the elements: a sort of meteorological judo, in which they use rather than challenge the strength and momentum of their opponent.

One of the most engaging characters I have met has been Gary Speight, the coach to the British team and a man of dry humour. A New Zealand territorial air force pilot, he is a goemorphologist working in Australia on changing land use, with intricate knowledge of the inter-relation of land and air moistures, so relevant to thermal currents. "The meteorologists think it's all chaos up there in the clouds," he says, "but we know it's organized."

The consequent tactical organization among glider pilots can result in 50 planes being congregated in one thermal current, climbing upwards like ants on a tree trunk.

Justin Wills, whose father was world champion in 1952, holds the British distance record with a flight of 828km last year from Yorkshire to Burgundy and has previously made a day-by-day passage across Australia with his wife Gillian, who is also an accomplished pilot: landing and taking off each day from the highway.

"In a crowded thermal, you can be very relieved to break free at the top," he says. "The unwritten rule is that everone entering the spiral rotates in the same direction as the first one to find the thermal. The alternative is unthinkable!" This is his second world championship. In Rieti, Italy, in 1985, he was 10th in the 15 metre class.

Aged 40, he has a long record of international success, though the competition becomes stiffer every year. "Once, you knew there were perhaps five to beat," he says. "Now there are fifty."

At the first world championships in West Germany in 1937, an entry of 27 pilots covered 12,800km at an average of 47km per glider per day. At the 1965 championships in Britain, 86 pilots flew 75,000km at a km/glider/day average of 145. In Rieti, 101 pilots covered 418,000km for a 345 average. The 110 pilots in Benalla should break all previous figures.

There are three classes: Open (with wing spans of up to 25 metres), 15 metre, and Standard. Britain's competitors are Wills, Chris Garton and Andrew Davis in Standard, Brian Spreckley, Martyn Wells and David Watt in 15 metre. Six is the maximum per country, with current world champions allowed additionally. Garten, Davis (in his fourth world championships) and Watt are commercial airline pilots, Spreckley a gliding club manager, Wells a chartered surveyor and Wills an international trading executive.

Selection is by an admirable system: secret ballot among a peer group of 30 British competitors. "The skill of the sport has nothing to do with who climbs highest or fastest," Davis says. "It is in judging where to go, which route to take, reading and searching the landscape, interpreting the instruments in the cockpit, not necessarily following the leader."

There is a lot of following the competitor out in front. The gliders are initially towed up to 2,000 feet, and then on their own initiative cross a perscribed starting line to follow the day's task, usually a triangular course of several hundred kilometres. The starting line and the turning points must be photographed by a time-set sealed camera in the cockpit, from which judges ensure that there is no cheating and are able to measure distance and speed.

The tendancy is for everyone to want to leave last, to gauge the thermals from those out in front, but that can mean running out of daylight time. Each glider takes on water balast in the wings before the start to increase kinetic energy: between 400lb in standard planes to 600lb in Open class. Speed down a gradient increases by the square root of the weight: increase the weight and the glider by one third, and speed improved by a sixth. Water is jettisoned before landing.

Ingo Renner was a ship-builder in Bremen before he decided, at 27, to see the world. He spent three years in Brisbane, and then set up a gliding school at Tocumwal, not far from Benalla. He is now 46, three times the world champion and one of the most experienced fliers of all time, with over 14,000 hours logged.

"You cannot put ability down to one attribute," he says. "It's a combination of determination, experience and reaction to the instruments. It is essential to be cool as well as aggressive, to play it by ear."

Renner prefers the longer courses of some thousand kilometres, where he is going beyond the geographic visual range which in Australia can encompass an entire 300km triangular course. He's uncertain how long he can stay at the top. "The young have the power of concentration," he says, "but the older pilots have the experience."

Davis, at 30, is the youngest of the British competitors and for all his experience up to now is still looking for consistency. "The physical business of handling the glider is something you have to be able to do in your sleep," he says. "Success comes through a combination of instinct, that feeling in the seat of your pants, and response to visible, changing factors which are recorded by the instruments, and you must recognize what they are telling you almost without looking at them."

There is no prize money and no heroes are welcome

There is no prize money in championships, no heroes welcome, though several thousand spectators are expected to swell Benalla's modest tourist resources to breaking point this next week. The glider pilot lives, moment by moment, with his own judgement and therein lies his scope for fulfilment. One error of maybe only 50 metres in height, such as Ray Lynskey of New Zealand made when leading the Open class on the last day in 1985, can force you to land out. And, if you cannot speak the same language as the local farmer, to spend the night sleeping in your cockpit.

BOXING: CHARLIE BOSTON'S DANGEROUS ROUTE TO A MATCH WITH HEROL GRAHAM

The wounded warrior who is calling the shots

By George Ace

A stray bullet in a New Jersey street that ripped through a leg, smashed a bone and came out the other side is the main reason why Charlie Boston has had only 17 bouts since he turned professional in 1982. The accidental shooting happened nearly three years ago and cost Boston his No. 5 World Boxing Association rating and put him out of action for 18 months.

Boston, who is in Belfast for tomorrow night's contest with the undefeated European middleweight champion and No. 1 contender for the world title, Herol Graham, from Sheffield, is no longer bitter about the incident. "Just a little more determined to succeed," he says with a shrug of the shoulders and a ghost of a smile.

"No, I wasn't at my best when I beat Errol Christie in London at the beginning of last month. How could I be? I took the fight at only 10 days' notice. I was short on gym work, but he didn't cause me any problems and I had him down four times before the referee stopped it in the eighth," Boston said.

"I upset a few plans that night and I might just do the same on Saturday against Graham, although I admit it is a difficult fight for me. But I am an awful lot better prepared for Graham than I was for Christie, and while I respect him I certainly don't hold him in awe.

"I sparred a couple of rounds with Graham in Palm Springs last June when he was preparing for his American debut on the McGuigan-Cruz world title bill in Vegas. He is a slippery customer, difficult to get to, but I didn't get the impression he was a devastating puncher."

One of a family of 15 – he cannot remember the ratio of brothers to sisters – Boston is not the usual run-of-the-mill American who trades his wares on this side of the Atlantic. Bespectacled, articulate, a neat dresser and devoid of flamboyance, he could easily pass for a man who makes his money in the City rather than in the ring.

Boston, from Trenton, New Jersey, has the cut of a highly trained athlete and one cannot but help thinking that Brian Eastwood, who is assisting his father with the promotion and publicity for the show, is not just giving out a lot of hype when he says: "I watched Boston spar day after day with Roberto Duran in Palm Springs last June. He is a good fighter with very fast hands. I think Graham will win, mind you, but I would not in the least be surprised if he didn't."

Boston, aged 25, has a 14-3 record, his last defeat being an extremely narrow one on points against the ranked and highly rated Michael Nunn in Las Vegas in August of last year.

European Law Report

Court of Justice of the European Communities, Luxembourg

Objective justification for difference in treatment between JET staff

Ainsworth and Others v Commission and Council of the European Communities
(Joined Cases 271/83; 15, 36, 113, 158, 203/84 and 13/85)

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, T. F. O'Higgins, F. Schockweiler, G. Bosco, O. Due, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, R. Joliet and G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias

Advocate General J. Mischo
(Opinion September 16, 1986)
[Judgment January 15]

The special position of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) in relation to the Joint European Torus Joint Undertaking (JET) constituted an objective justification for a difference in treatment between staff made available to the JET by the UKAEA and staff made available by other members of JET.

As part of the research programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC) in the field of nuclear fusion and plasma physics, the Council of the European Communities had created, for a period of 12 years, the JET joint undertaking whose members were the host organization, the UKAEA, and 12 other research organizations or European States. The seat of JET is at Culham, Oxfordshire.

The statutes of the joint undertaking provided that JET was not to be the employer of the staff composing the project team. Such staff, who came under the administrative authority of the Director of JET, were employed either by the UKAEA or by the Commission.

Under articles 8.4 and 8.5 of the statutes, staff made available to JET by the UKAEA, the host organization, remained in the employment of that organization on its terms and conditions of service whereas staff made available by other members of JET were recruited to posts of temporary servants of the European Communities.

It was clear from the documents submitted to the Court that the pay received by employees made available by the UKAEA was appreciably less than that received by employees recruited as temporary servants of the Communities.

The applicants who were British nationals previously recruited by the UKAEA and made available to the JET by that institution, had written to the Director of the JET calling upon the Commission to engage them as temporary servants of the Communities seconded to the JET project team, and calling upon the JET and/or the European Communities to compensate them for all past and future pecuniary and other losses attributable to the employment status which they had been accorded at the time of their recruitment.

In a standard letter sent to each applicant the Director of the JET informed them of the rejection of those requests.

The applicants sought the annulment of the Commission decision communicated by that letter.

The case was assigned to the Third Chamber which, having heard the opinion of Advocate General P. VerLoren van Themaat, decided to refer the case to the full Court for a reopening of the oral procedure and judgment.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

The applicants had made, *inter alia*, two submissions

(i) Breach of article 8 of the statutes of the joint undertaking;

(ii) The illegality of the statutes of the joint undertaking in so far as they sanctioned a system of recruitment which conflicted with the fundamental principle of Community Law forbidding discrimination on the ground of nationality;

Breach of the statutes

In support of that submission the applicants had argued, *inter alia*, that the JET management had not just required candidates of British nationality to be made available by any of the member organizations of the joint undertaking but had also obliged them to apply for that purpose exclusively to the UKAEA. In their view, that practice was invalidated by discrimination on the ground of nationality which was prohibited by Community law.

As far as that point was concerned, the applicants' argument had to be accepted. As the Commission itself had recognized during the oral procedure, the obligation thus imposed solely on British candidates was discriminatory and had no objective justification.

However, not one of the applicants had established or even claimed that in order to comply with the requirements of the JET management he was induced to forgo a chance of being made available to the undertaking by a member organization other than the UKAEA and consequently of being recruited as a temporary servant of the Communities under article 8.5 of the statutes.

Consequently, it had to be accepted that the discriminatory practice described above had not affected the applicants' position and had not rendered the contested decision unlawful.

Unlawfulness of the statutes

The applicants claimed that the distinction made in article 8.4 and 8.5 of the statutes constituted covert discrimination on the ground of nationality which operated to the detriment solely of British nationals. They maintained that such discrimination was, in particular, contrary to article 96 of the EAEC Treaty and was not justified by the needs of public policy, public security or public health.

Those provisions did not discriminate on the ground of nationality. Each member organization was free to make available to the joint undertaking employees of any nationality.

The real purpose of the provisions at issue was to establish a difference of treatment depending on the member organization which made the employee in question available to the JET and not on that employee's nationality.

It was nevertheless contrary to the general principle of equal treatment, which was one of the fundamental principles of Community law, for comparable situations to be treated differently unless the difference in treatment was objectively justified.

A joint undertaking devoted entirely to research and of limited duration could work to good effect only in close association with a national organization which was already in existence. That was why JET was established at Culham on the same site where the installations of the UKAEA, the host organization of the joint undertaking, were situated.

The UKAEA had agreed, in its capacity as host organization, to assume responsibility of its own in the organization, financing and functioning of JET.

It was also in the very special position of having to manage staff having the same qualifications, employed on the same site on the same kind of work but assigned to two legally distinct organizations.

It was anxious to prevent that situation from upsetting the functioning of its own organization and, supported on that matter by the UK Government, requested in the negotiations which preceded the adoption of the decision establishing the JET that the staff which it would make available to the JET should remain subject to its own conditions of service.

By reason of the privileged role attributed to the UKAEA as a result of the special characteristics of the joint undertaking, that requirement could not be ignored in the joint undertaking's statutes.

In those circumstances it appeared that the very special position of the UKAEA, the host organization, in relation to the JET, which was not comparable to the position of any other member organization, constituted an objective justification for the difference in treatment established by articles 8.4 and 8.5 of the statutes.

On those grounds, the European Court of Justice:

1 Dismissed the applications;

2 Ordered the parties to bear their own costs.

Place of performance of an obligation under the Brussels Convention

Shenavai v Kreischer
Case 266/85

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, T. F. O'Higgins, F. A. Schockweiler, G. Bosco, T. Koopmans, K. Bahlmann, R. Joliet and G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias

Advocate General G.F. Mancini
(Opinion November 4, 1986)
[Judgment January 15]

Where a contract, other than a contract of employment, entailed several obligations, it was the place of performance of the specific obligation upon which the action was founded which determined jurisdiction under the Brussels Convention.

The plaintiff, who had an architect's practice in Rockenhausen in the Federal Republic of Germany, had brought an action for payment of architect's fees against the defendant who was resident in The Netherlands in respect of building plans drawn up for the defendant for three holiday homes to be built within the territorial jurisdiction of the Amtsgericht (local court) district of Rockenhausen.

The defendant disputed the territorial jurisdiction of the Amtsgericht, relying on his Netherlands domicile as the place of performance. He also disputed both the existence of a commission and the amount of the claim.

The Amtsgericht, Rockenhausen, held that it did not have territorial jurisdiction, taking the view that the place of performance for the payment of the architect's fees was the place where the client was domiciled, and accordingly dismissed the action as inadmissible.

The plaintiff appealed to the Landgericht (Regional Court), Kaiserslautern which suspended the proceedings and referred a question on the interpretation of the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

Article 2 of the Brussels Convention laid down the general rule that jurisdiction was based upon the place of domicile of the defendant; however it added, in article 5(1) that in matters relating to a contract, the defendant might also be brought before the courts for "the place of performance of the obligation in question".

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

The question referred by the national court was to be regarded as seeking to establish, in particular, whether, in the case of proceedings for the recovery of architect's fees, the general rule deriving from the judgment of the Court in Case 14/76, *De Bloos* v *Bouyer* ([1976] ECR 1497) according to which the obligation to be taken into account was that which corresponded to the contractual right upon which the plaintiff's action was based should be followed; or whether, on the contrary, the present case presented specific features analogous to those which were at issue in the judgment in Case 133/81, *Ivenel* v *Schwab* ([1982] ECR 1891).

In the latter case the Court had held that in the case of the claims based on different obligations under a contract of employment as a representative the obligation to be taken into account for the purposes of article 5(1) was the obligation which characterized the contract.

It had first to be observed that contracts of employment, by contrast with other contracts, presented certain particular features in that they created a continuing relationship which placed the employee in the context of a certain business organization and in that they were located at the place where the employee's activities were carried out. That place determined the application of provisions of substantive law and collective agreements.

It was because of those particular features that the court for the place of performance of the obligation which characterized such contracts appeared to be the most appropriate one to deal with disputes to which one or several obligations arising from those contracts might give rise.

Where those specific features were absent, it was neither necessary nor desirable to identify the obligation which characterized the contract and to centralize in the place of performance of that obligation, jurisdiction in disputes relating to all other contractual obligations.

The variety and multiplicity of contracts were such that that criterion might, in other types of cases, create uncertainty as to jurisdiction, an uncertainty which it was the very purpose of the Convention to diminish.

On the other hand, there was no such uncertainty in most contracts, where only the obligations stipulated in the contract, and whose execution was the objective of legal proceedings, were taken into consideration.

The place where those obligations were to be performed was normally the place which had the closest connexion between the dispute and the competent court.

It was true that that rule did not resolve the particular case where a dispute related to several obligations which followed from one contract and which served as the basis for the action brought by the plaintiff.

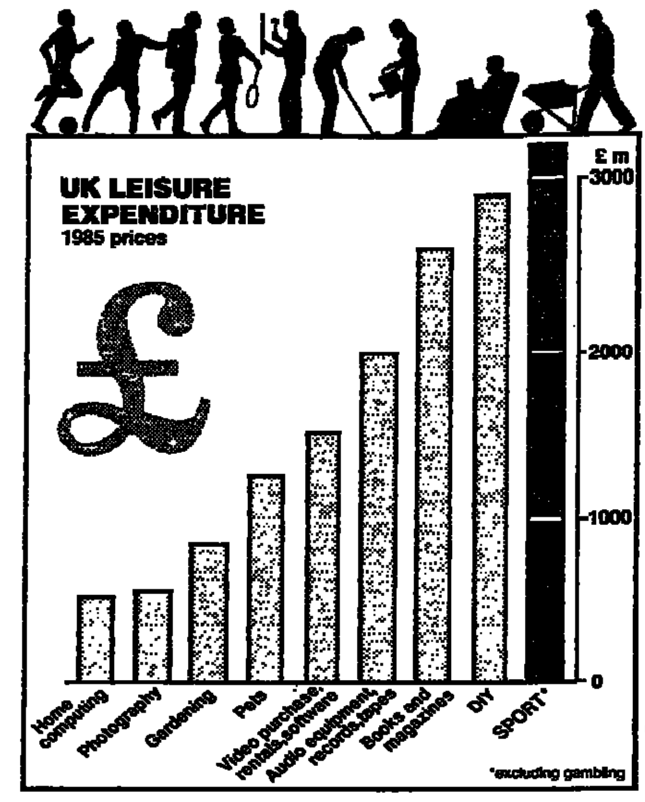
However, in such a case, in order to determine whether he had jurisdiction, the judge dealing with the case would direct himself on the basis of the principle that the secondary followed after the principal; in other words, it would be the principal obligation, among several obligations in question, which would establish his jurisdiction. That complication did not, however, arise in the circumstances envisaged by the national court in its question.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

For the purposes of determining the place of performance, within the meaning of article 5(1) of the Convention of September 27, 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, the obligation to be taken into consideration in an action for the recovery of fees brought by an architect commissioned to draw up the plans for the construction of houses, was the contractual obligation upon which the legal proceedings were founded.

Study points out economic importance of sport

By John Goodbody



The Government receives £2.4 billion in annual revenue from sport, almost five times its expenditure on public facilities and grants.

An independent report published today*, which reveals sport's importance to the British economy by generating £6.85 billion each year and providing 376,000 full-time jobs, particularly points to the Government's income from sport-related activity.

Mr John Wheatley, the director of the Sports Council, said yesterday: "The individual figures surprised us. Although we expected the Government's income to be bigger than the expenditure, five times is more than we thought."

The £2.4 billion income, based on 1985 prices, is largely derived from VAT and excise duties (£770 million), betting duty (£540 million), income tax (£950 million), corporation tax (£160 million) and rail fares (£22 million).

Central Government spending totals £545 million mainly in the form of sports-related parts of the Rate Support Grant (£425 million) and grounds to the councils and urban programmes (£60 million).

Sport has become big business because 21.5 million adults and seven million children participate in sport at least once a month.

The study, undertaken by Mr John Rigg and Mr Richard Lewney, of the Henley Centre of Forecasting, is the first report carried out on the economic importance of sport in the United Kingdom.

Mr James Harvie-Watt, a vice-chairman of the Sports Council, said: "In a period running up to an election we want all the parties to be aware of sport's importance. Now we have got the ammunition we must make the best use of it we can."

Last November the Government failed to increase the annual grant to the Sports Council of £36.9 million, a real cut in aid for 1987-88 of 3.5 per cent. The Sports Council's case in future for an increase in both their grant and also local government expenditure will be greatly strengthened by this report, which the Sports Council hope will change "a climate of opinion" in Britain.

Mr Michael Phillips, head of research and planning at the Council, said that if you doubled public expenditure on sport it would not necessarily mean that you would double income. "Nevertheless, if you cut the public sector grant too badly you will affect the services they buy, such as transport and eating and drinking at clubs and sports centres."

The Sports Council will also use the figures in discussions with such bodies as the TUC and CBI to make them realize the significance of sport in this country.

They will show them that consumer spending on sport, including gambling, is equivalent to the personal sector's expenditure on electricity, gas, furniture and floor coverings or menswear. Even excluding gambling, it exceeds other major categories of leisure spending, including the Do It Yourself, audio equipment and video markets. It is estimated that 376,000 jobs are now sport-related, about the same as those employed in chemicals and man-made fibres and more than in the manufacture of motor vehicles parts.

All the figures point to the growing economic importance of recreation as opposed to many declining traditional industries.

Sports-related consumers' expenditure totals £4.4 billion at 1985 market prices. The principle components are gambling (£1.16 billion), clothing and footwear (£770 million including repairs), sports goods (£69 million) and spending on sports participating (£530 million).

A large proportion of the consumers' expenditure (£1.18 billion) represents a flow of income to the commerical sports sector, such as clothing, footwear, equipment, books and magazines. But it is significant that the UK, despite having a long tradition in sport, imports £448 million and exports only £207 million worth of goods.

The average weekly household expenditure on sports services is 54p (£594 million a year) and on sports goods is 31p (£341 million a year).

* *The Economic Impact and Importance of Sport in the United Kingdom* — a study prepared for the Sports Council by the Henley Centre for Forecasting, £10. Available from the Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1.

BOBSLEIGHING

Leading nations respect British

From Chris Moore, St Moritz

The Allied Steel British Bobsleigh team were left in no doubt last night they now command the respect of even the world's top nations.

"For sure, they have surprised many people with their progress," admitted Switzerland's veteran driver, Hans Hiltebrand, who bids to become one of the oldest winners of the four-man title at the World Championships here in St Moritz this weekend.

The 41-year-old reigning European champion had just seen Stan Tout's Army crew clock the second fastest time on yesterday's opening run before Nick Phipps, the British champion, turned in the fifth best on the final training lauf.

"Perhaps there was a time when the British team were taken for granted, but not any more," said Hiltebrand. "They now have very good push times and also good equipment. All the time they are improving and are now a team everyone has to reckon with."

Tout's time of 1min 07.32sec was only bettered by East Germany's Olympic champion Wolfgang Hoppe on yesterday's first run, though undoubtedly the track was getting faster as the ice warmed.

"I got it near enough perfect," said the 25-year-old physical training instructor in the 2nd Royal Tank regiment, stationed at Fallingbostel in West Germany, who did not bother to take his final run.

"I now know the exact lines I need to take so there was no point in going again," said Tout.

Making up his crew are Dave Armstrong, aged 25, a physical training instructor in the Grenadier Guards stationed in Northern Ireland; Lenny Paul, aged 28, from the 3 Royal Anglian Regiment in Minden, West Germany, and brakeman Audley Richards, aged 26, a gunner in the 4th Field Regiment of the Royal Artillery, based at Osnabruck.

The Army have allowed them to train together since the end of June and if they "hit" together on the starting block tomorrow, the British start record here looks certain to be blown away.

Phipps clocked 1:07.04 on the final run off the fourth fastest start time, with Hiltebrand and the Austrian Ingo Appelt both being timed at 1:06.69, which was the best of the day.

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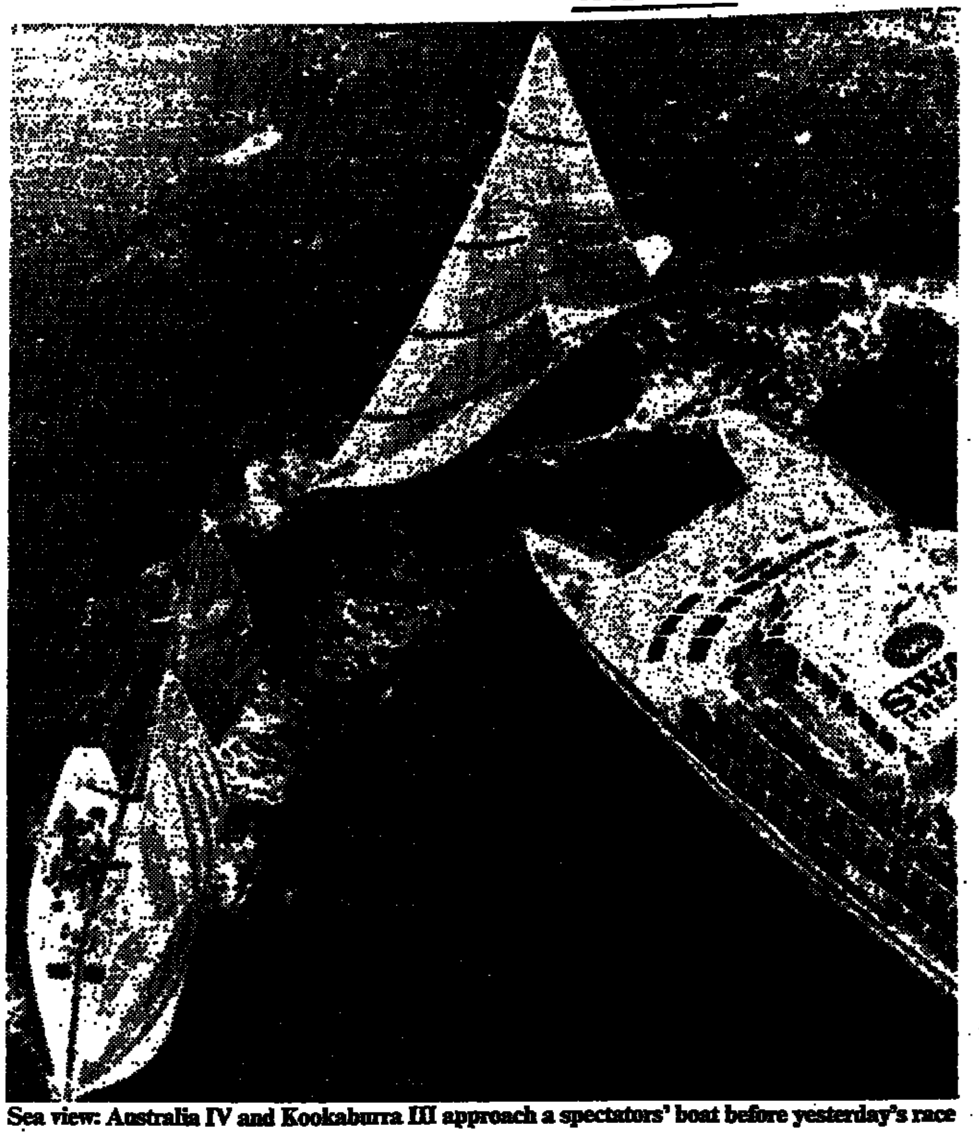


Sea view: Australia IV and Kookaburra III approach a spectators' boat before yesterday's race

Dickson seeks lost formula

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

Chris Dickson and his crew on New Zealand IV face their sternest test today when they resume their battle against Stars and Stripes, skippered by Dennis Conner, to select a challenger for the America's Cup.

New Zealand are two down in the best-of-seven series, and today's race will test the iron resolve remaining in their camp, which until this week had lost just one of their previous 38 races. Two of those successes had been gained at Conner's expense and Dickson had been confident that he had the boat and crew to break the Americans as easily as they had taken out French Kiss in the semi-finals earlier this month.

The two defeats had painted a totally different scenario, leaving the New Zealanders scratching their heads yesterday wondering just what they can do to lift performance.

"We certainly need a lot more practice in getting from fourth gear into fifth, especially in a 'chop'," Dickson said yesterday, still unconvinced that the Americans could have stolen such a march in boat-speed on him. John Marshall, the design director for Stars and Stripes, put the principal difference down to inexperience.

"The sea conditions are rougher now because of the increased spectator fleet and its effect on the conditions," Marshall said. "We got used to it in Newport because as the summer went on the fleet got bigger. We designed our boat with this in mind and Dennis is very comfortable in it."

As New Zealanders back home attempted to rally their boys with more than 20,000 messages of support yesterday, the syndicate head, Michael Fay, shocked Cup watchers in Fremantle by saying that if they lost this series, his group would break tradition and put their support behind the defenders, not the challengers.

"Our first preference is to take the Cup home. If we can't do that, we want the Cup to stay as close as possible — here in Australia," Fay said emphatically.

Germans throw hats into the fray

From Barry Pickthall
Fremantle

The America's Cup may have another month to run, but prospective challengers are already lining up to toss their hats into the ring for the 1990 event — wherever it is held.

Sweden, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland and even a third syndicate in Britain have all signalled an interest, and yesterday West Germany announced that they, too, would be joining the fray with a six-year programme designed to win the Cup at the second attempt.

Ullrich Libor, a former Flying Dutchman Olympic medal winner, is here this week negotiating to purchase two 12-metres from other syndicates and begin a campaign to introduce professional racing and the America's Cup to Germany. "This is such a battle of high technology that West Germany cannot afford to be out of it," Libor said yesterday.

Initial backing for the German consortium comes from the Boot-Düsseldorf Trade Fair, and Libor now has the task of convincing his industrial giants to stump up an initial DM15 million (about £5,430,000) to set up a two-boat campaign around designers Rolf Vrolik and Axel Mohnhaupt.

Last month a Swedish hotel owner bought South Australia, the Lexcen designed defence challenger, as a trial-horse, while three Danish yachtsmen announced their syndicate this week. Still in the wings are formative groups in Spain and Switzerland — the latter hope to be able to challenge through their offshore club at Monte Carlo.

However it is the Japanese, with three syndicates in the making, who perhaps pose the most formidable threat. Leading one of these is Masakazu Kobayashi, a hotel chain owner, whose motor yacht, Bengal I, is among the most impressive spectator craft here. He has reputedly bid $8 million (about £5,330,000) for all of Alan Bond's 12-metre assets when the Cup-winning syndicate head retires from the scene after this series.

Boat Show Diary

Dedication in need of sponsorship for Olympics

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

It is widely acknowledged that the highest levels of yacht racing are beyond individual wealth, and that sponsorship from companies in return for product advertisement is now an accepted part of international competition.

In offshore racing the Royal Ocean Racing Club has announced that sponsored yachts are admissible for national teams competing in this year's Admiral's Cup, an event that is second only to the America's Cup in terms of TV coverage.

A group that is certain to attract media interest are those no less dedicated individuals who are campaigning to represent the nation in the Olympics. While the small dinghies and keelboats that are used for Olympic yacht racing are considerably less expensive than their over-sized counterparts, to race competitively they demand the highest levels of physical fitness and this, like the majority of Olympic events, requires young people.

Such people have not yet had the opportunity to amass the necessary fortunes.

"In 18 months time when the nation is totting up how many gold medals we won, or failed to win, at the next Olympics, it will not only be talent or skill that will have been the deciding factor — we have plenty of that — it will have been the level of financial support that our team received during the build-up to the games," Rod Carr, the Olympic sailing coach, said while talking from the Royal Yachting Association stand at the London International Boat Show.

"The hardware is between £1,500 for an Olympic class sailboard, or roughly £17,000 for a Soling — nothing when compared to the £1 million for a 12-Metre. But racing these craft is an intensive business. It's practice . . . practice . . . practice, interspersed with eight to 10 weeks at top-level international regattas right round the year — and this is expensive on travel and accommodation, especially when your dedication means little or no income from a steady job!"

Some better known racers have already achieved a level of sponsorship but there are many other talented crews, such as Cathy Foster and Jackie Patton, who must be among the favourites for a medal.

Out of running

The national women's inter-county cross-country championships at Kettering tomorrow has been postponed because of the weather.

RACING

Good news for Ireland

Irish racing is thriving. Statistics for the 1986 season recently released by the Irish Turf Club show betting turnover up by 8.3 per cent and attendances by 4.5 per cent. However, the biggest growth is in the amount of prize money on offer, which has increased by 20.3 per cent. Sponsorship is also at a record high.

The Irish Grand Natonal is now the richest handicap chase in Europe, and Ireland also stages the second-richest handicap hurdle in Europe, The Ladbroke, run for the first time at Leopardstown last Saturday.

Prize money has also been widely distributed on the Flat, and the Irish Derby, sponsored by Budweiser, was the most valuable classic run in the British Isles last year.

It is not all good news for the Irish, though. Despite the massive prize money on offer few of the prizes are won by Irish-trained horses. English-trained raiders won 14 group races on the Flat last year.

This may be disappointing for the Irish, but it has encouraged competitive racing.

Arctic conditions no hazard to Stearsby

By Michael Seely

Britain's top National Hunt trainers are finding the present freezing spell to be a two-edged sword as far as their Cheltenham plans are concerned. "Horses like Stearsby who are fit will be all the better for the break," said Jenny Pitman yesterday. "But I'm desperately keen to get on with Burrough Hill Lad and get a race into him."

Stearsby remains 6-1 second favourite for the Gold Cup after his Sandown win last Saturday. "He doesn't need a lot of work," Mrs Pitman continued. "I'd be content to give him just one more run before the big day."

Burrough Hill Lad, on the other hand, has been on the easy list since his victory in the Gainsborough Chase at Sandown a year ago and Mrs Pitman fears that she may run out of time as she struggles to get the 11-year-old ready. "He's in a race at Market Rasen on Saturday and there's another handicap at Newton Abbot on January 22. The horse is going well, but he'll need at least two prep races," she said.

Mrs Pitman's horses were confined to walking and trotting exercise at Lambourn yesterday, as were Jimmy Fitzgerald's in Yorkshire. Confirming his southern rival's thinking, the Irish-born trainer of Forgive'N Forget, 4-1 favourite to repeat his 1985 win in the Gold Cup, said: "I trained Forgive'N Forget specifically for the King George, so naturally he's been given a good rest. He's very well in himself and as long as the snow does not last too long, I've got plenty of time to get him ready for the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup at Leopardstown."

Door Latch, Jim Joel's SGB Handicap winner and subsequently runner-up to Desert Orchid in the King George, has also been entered for the rich Irish prize. "I only put him in in case he's murdered by the handicapper," said Josh Gifford. "I plan to give the horse his Gold Cup preliminary in either the Gainsborough Chase at Sandown on February 7 or the Charterhouse Handicap at Ascot the following weekend."

Racing still frost bound

There will be no racing in England or Ireland tomorrow. The meetings at Ascot, Market Rasen and Newcastle were abandoned yesterday because of snow and frost, taking the total lost this season to 28.

That completed a blank week for racing and the prospects for an early resumption are remote. Monday's programmes at Carlisle and Fontwell both look doomed to be called off. Carlisle inspect today although Fontwell will wait until tomorrow before making a final decision.

Rohan furious with Quinn

Pat Rohan, the Malton trainer, yesterday described as "disgraceful" apprentice Jimmy Quinn's decision to leave Rohan to join Newmarket-based Eric Eldin.

Rohan said: "If he was going to leave he should have told me at the end of last Flat season. Apprentices today only want to ride work and go off to the races. They get too big headed once they've ridden a few winners."

Francome resists novel temptation

John Francome, due to renew his acquaintance with the American-trained hurdler Flatterer in March, is becoming increasingly impatient with speculation that he is considering giving up training to become a full-time writer.

"Of course it can be soul destroying when things don't go right," he said. "But at the moment I'm very happy. I've just bought a farm and put in my own gallops, two all-weather and one grass gallop. Surely that's enough to convince people I'm serious about training."

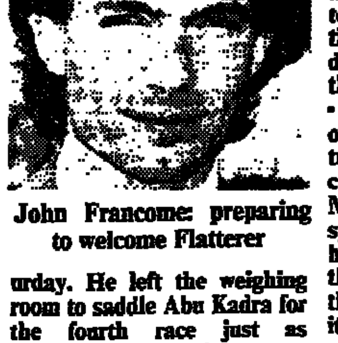
Flatterer, trained in Maryland by Jonathan Sheppard, is being aimed at the Champion Hurdle. The horse was ridden by Francome to win the 1983 Colonial Cup, and indeed has won that race every year since. In July last year, ridden by Richard Dunwoody, Flatterer finished second in the French Champion Hurdle at Auteuil, and greatly impressed Francome on that occasion.

"He ran a cracking race in Paris," Francome said. "I've ridden See You Then as well and I reckon Flatterer has got just as much speed and class. He's a top-class horse and so long as the ground is not bottomless he must have a good chance at Cheltenham."

The Americans are certainly being meticulous in their preparations for the horse, currently quoted at 16-1 for the Champion Hurdle. Sheppard has had a set of English hurdles flown to the United States for schooling purposes and Flatterer will arrive at Francome's Lambourn yard on the Sunday before the race.

However, the horse is used to longer distances and there must be some doubt about his ability to match See You Then's speed up the Cheltenham hill. Flatterer will be ridden in the Champion Hurdle by his regular American jockey, Jerry Fishback.

Francome cut a rather lone figure at Sandown last Saturday. He left the weighing room to saddle Abu Kadra for the fourth race just as Stearsby's connections were celebrating their triumph in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase. He did not give the winner's enclosure a backward glance: it was something he had seen 1,138 times before.



John Francome: preparing to welcome Flatterer

Abu Kadra started 3-1 joint-favourite but finished a disappointing fourth. Francome hurried away to his car, and the journey home to Lambourn.

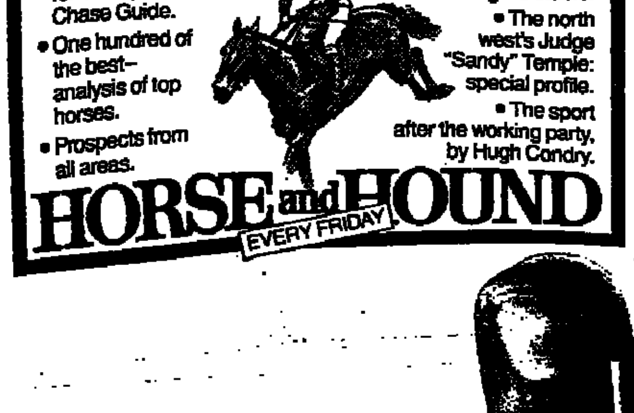
The seven-times champion jockey retired in April 1985, having set standards and records that future jockeys will find difficult, if not impossible, to match. He immediately set about writing his autobiography, *Born Lucky*, which was published later that year and which reached number three in the bestseller lists, selling nearly 40,000 copies in hardback. Eschewing the standard sportsman's practice of employing a ghost writer, Francome wrote the book himself in longhand, although in his introduction he did confess to wishing he had paid more attention to his English teacher at school, and less time looking through the window at the long-legged girl in the playground.

• Not content with the success of *Born Lucky*, Francome then turned novelist. *Eavesdropper*, co-written with James Macgregor, was published last spring, and revolves around horseracing, murder and thecourtroom. It had more than a touch of Dick Francis to it, but it was well received and a second novel is due out in September.

The third book, *How To Make Money Betting — Or At Least How Not To Lose Too Much*, was published just before Christmas. There will be more novels in the future, and there is no doubt that this talented man, whom a colleague once said would be successful at anything he tried, could make a good living as a writer.

For the moment, however, John Francome wishes it to be known that he will continue to train horses with great enthusiasm; even though, from time to time, he may find it a bit of a struggle.

John Dorman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RUGBY LEAGUE

Club challenge moves to international level

By Keith Macklin

The scrum half challenge between Shaun Edwards and Andy Gregory moves from club level at Wigan to international level with Great Britain as a result of Malcolm Reilly's first selection of a Great Britain squad. The team to play France at Headingley a week on Saturday names Edwards at scrum half, with Gregory excluded because he has not played a game for five weeks during his dispute with Warrington, from whom he was recently transferred.

Reilly's choice contains several new caps and many suprises. Ellery Hanley is the captain, with David Watkinson dropped and Lee Crooks temporarily given a rest from captaincy responsibilities.

The selection of Hanley as captain is not as surprising as some may think. He has captained an international side before, at Perpignan in 1985 against France, and his considerable experience at top level has given him the vote, at least temporarily, against Watkinson and Crooks.

In a back division heavy with Wigan players, Mark Forster, the fast and powerful Warrington winger, partners Garry Schofield on the right wing and wins his first senior cap. He will have alongside him the profilic try-scoring Schofield, who has made 12 touchdowns in 13 appearances for Great Britain and has also kicked two goals.

The pack contains three new caps, including a considerable surprise in the elevation to international status of Roy Haggerty, the adventurous and strong-running St Helens second row forward, whose wholehearted displays and numerous tries have won him many friends on the Knowsley Road terraces. Until now Haggerty has not been regarded as a major contender for Great Britain honours, and Reilly has obviously been impressed not merely by his fearless running but by his all-round courage.

The two other young forwards who are staking a claim for permanent recognition are Mike Gregory, the fast and skilful Warrington loose forward, and Keith England, who is substitute forward, a tough, grafting customer who plays in the back row for Reilly's own club, Castleford.

Recalled to the pack are David Hobbs, of Oldham, a forward, and Kevin Beardmore, of Castleford, who replaces Watkinson as hooker after his return from injury. The back substitute is David Creasser, the utility back, who is the only Leeds representative in the squad, a sign of the thin times being suffered by Leeds. The reserves to travel are Paul Bishop, the Warrington scrum half, who is desperately trying to beat the weather and clear his suspension, and Chris Burton, the Hull Kingston Rovers forward.

In making his choice, Reilly has shown a spirit of enterprise; he has also refused to name any players who are dogged by injury. These include Kevin Ward, John Fieldhouse, Tony Myler, Harry Pinner and John Basnett, who will be able to reinforce their claims for selection when they become match-fit.

The match against France is a World Cup game, sponsored by Whitbread Trophy, and Great Britain must win to stand a chance of gaining second place in the tournament against the challenge of New Zealand.

GREAT BRITAIN: J Lydon (Wigan); M Forster (Warrington), G Schofield (Hull), D Stephenson, H Gill; E Hanley (captain), S Edwards (Wigan); D Hobbs (Oldham), K Beardmore (Castleford), L Crooks (Hull), A Goodway (Wigan), R Haggerty (St Helens), M Gregory (Warrington). Substitutes: D Creasser (Leeds), K England (Castleford) Reserves to travel: P Bishop (Warrington), C Burton (Hull Kingston Rovers).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated.

FOOTBALL

Fourth division

Swansea v Preston ....

Postponed: Scunthorpe v Burnley.

RUGBY UNION

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A

Cancelled: Moseley v Saracens

CLUB MATCHES

Bedford v Leicester (7.15) ....
Neath v London Irish (7.0) ....
Penarth v Abertillery (7.0) ....
Plymouth v Weston-super-Mare (7.15) ....

Cancelled: Bridgend v Palmerston (Ireland); Cross Keys v Pontypool; Exeter v Bristol; Glamorgan Wanderers v Pontypridd; Metropolitan Police v Bath; Rosslyn Park v Selkirk.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cancelled: English Universities v Scottish Universities (Richmond).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Bremar championships (at Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth); Suffolk tournament (at Mildenhall SC, Ipswich).

DARTS: Embassy World professional championship (at Frimley Green, 7.0).

RACKETS: Amateur singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS: Henry Leaf Cup (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

SQUASH RACKETS: Newcastle invitation championship (6.0).

HOCKEY

Unbeaten England face indoor trial at Dublin

By Sydney Friskin

England's strength at the indoor game will be on trial in the Six Nations tournament starting in Dublin today and ending on Sunday. In the same series, Scotland will defend their Home Countries title against their three traditional rivals.

This year, the teams taking part in the round robin series are Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Australia and Canada.

So far, England, playing as the Roses, have achieved a 100 per cent record, having won two tournaments at Bristol and Dundee. Although the opposition has come only from clubs, John Bail, their team manager, is confident. "We are playing with a lot more spirit and provided we travel well there is no reason why we should not win," he said yesterday.

With Australia and Canada still to make their mark on the indoor game, the whole issue could in the end resolve itself into a tussle for supremacy between England and Scotland. Both teams have high-scoring potential and England will be looking to Richard Clarke, Nick Clark, Halliday and Nicholson, among the best of their sharp-shooters, to improve their average.

Scotland have included Tom Hay, Wilson, the goalkeeper, Douglas Potter, Knapp, and Scouler from Murray International Metals, who were runners up in the recent Glenfiddich tournament in Glasgow to Arminen of Austria. Crawford, Kirkwood, Filgas and Kenny Morris will knock up a few goals for Ireland, and Wales could improve their fortunes through Tony Colclough, Rhys-Jones and Nazir Mohammed.

Australia, who played in the Glenfiddich tournament as Esanda Aussies, took fourth place after being beaten 7-3 by Menzieshill in the play-off, but they gave probably their best display in the semi finals in which they drew 5-5 with MIM, then lost on penalty strokes. Thornton, McIntosh and Freeman all had spells of brilliance for Australia.

The Australians, who will accompany England to the annual international tournament at The Hague the following weekend, are improving with every stride and could develop into a strong fighting force by the time the first indoor World Cup tournament starts at Canberra on March 2, 1988. Canada, who finished eighth in the Glenfiddich tournament and have also entered for the world event, are learning fast and could spring a surprise or two in Dublin.

An air of uncertainty

By Joyce Whitehead

The All England Women's Hockey Association is setting about restructuring the women's sport but from the questionnaire sent out it is not really clear who is to benefit. Is it the clubs, counties, the national team, the Great Britain team or the selectors?

Already this year we are without the Home Countries B team tournament. It also looks as if the Territorial tournament may have been played for the last time. It does not feature in the suggested "planning for the future" programme.

Centres of Excellence stand in place of these events; selected players will be asked to attend for coaching and fitness training. From these groups some players will progress to assessment weekends from which the squads for the England teams at all levels will be selected. But this leaves many questions. Do our players not need more match practice rather than less? The jump from county to territorial hockey has always been great.

So what will be the gap between county and national sides? And to carry out these changes the hockey calendar, 36 weekends from September to May, will be divided into priority periods for club, county and indoor commitments. Centres of Excellence will take place at regular intervals.

It is true that the increase in the contests, now to include international under-16, under-18, under-21, senior and Great Britain, poses problems. But already the experimental grouping of county and territorial matches has meant that hockey has been seen only by a handful of players. If there are not top-class matches within reach and the clubs are to be robbed of their best players, what will the future hold?

Hockey, for the majority of players, is a game played for fun. In our efforts to reach the Olympic Games and play in European championships, let us not lose sight of that.

Jacklin relives selection dilemma

MITCHELL PLATTS assesses the form of golfers vying for places in this year's Ryder Cup team to play the United States at Muirfield Village, Columbus, Ohio, in September. Below are guides to the 1985 team and to players hoping to break into the side. TONY JACKLIN, the captain, also provides his own analysis of each player.

Tony Jacklin believed he had been exposed to all the physical strains and mental tensions offered by professional golf until the time came for him to declare his hand for the 1985 Ryder Cup. Emotions ran high as Jacklin finalized the European team by awarding the last place to the Spaniard, José Rivero, which meant that Christy O'Connor Junior, of Ireland, had been left out.

I was suddenly hated in Ireland and a hero in Spain," Jacklin said. "Christy was understandably upset but it didn't end there. I had people saying, 'Now that Jacklin has moved down to Spain he's putting his new pals in the team.' Well, of course, I didn't really know José Rivero from a hole in the ground. I had a hunch that it might work to have a quartet of Spaniards (with Ballesteros, Cañizares and Piñero) in the team.

"I hope that what happened last time, as far as Christy is concerned, has been forgotten, although when I say forgotten I must stress that I will never forget because it was the toughest, and saddest, decision I have had to make as Ryder Cup captain."

Jacklin faces that unenviable task once more following the German Open on August 30. He will again select three of the 12 players for the defence of the Ryder Cup against the United States at Muirfield Village, Columbus, Ohio, from September 25 to 27.

There is no substitute for technical skill but Jacklin insists that it was team spirit which helped to give Europe the edge at The Belfry two years ago when, for the first time since 1957, the United States were beaten.

"The key is to create that brotherly spirit in what is really a very short period of time," Jacklin said. "My wife, Vivien, helps to create a similar bond between the wives so that between us we have moulded a unit ready to do anything for one and other.

"There was a situation in the last Ryder Cup where I had to talk to Nick (Faldo) because I could see his confidence was down. And I will always respect him for his forthright reponse. I had to say to him, 'What am I going to do this afternoon? Am I going to play you or am I going to play José-Maria Cañizares with Bernhard Langer in the fourballs (Langer and Faldo had lost in the morning foursomes)?' And I said to him that before he answered, and I knew it was a difficult question, that I wanted him to speak from his heart and to be honest in what he felt was best for the team. Nick told me to play José.

"You see some people might criticize Faldo's involvement last time. I selected him on his past record and I still maintain that coming up against Nick in a matchplay situation, as opposed to somebody with less experience of these matches, is more difficult for the opposition to handle. But this time he knew, as we all did, that he really wasn't firing and he made an honest decision for the good of the team. You have to care like that.

"Then there is Seve's confidence, and determination, which rubs off on everyone. In fact with all the strong players, like Langer and in the future José-Maria Olazábal, you can rely on their strength, their charisma and their general demeanour. But Seve is something special: He has done everything and more for me and the Ryder Cup."

What Jacklin has done on behalf of his players is to ensure that they now enter the biennial match with a belief that they are equals. Jacklin added: "The Americans were always psychologically one up on us, and perhaps more, because of the way they did things. When I was asked to be captain for the 1983 match, I said that I was prepared to take it on as long as we did everything in a first class nature.

"I can't expect a mine worker who lives in South Wales to read an article that says if we don't get a cashmere jacket or if we don't fly Concorde then we cannot hope to compete. He must think that we are a spoilt lot. But when the opposition have everything, and they have been silver spoon fed from way back, then it is necessary for us not to feel like second class citizens. It is all about mentality. We can have the physical ability to hit golf balls, kick footballs or wave the cricket bat. But the truth lies in the mind whether you are a sportsman, a writer, or whatever, and it is the mind which reacts."

Jacklin's duties began this week when he flew from his home in Spain to London for a meeting with Austin Reed, the outfitters who have agreed to clothe the 1987 team. He has also been asked to go to the United States in March to promote the Ryder Cup on coast to coast television stations. Jacklin is convinced that by the time the Ryder Cup starts his team will be acclimatized right down to being fully prepared to handle the super-slick greens at Muirfield Village.

"Even so, it's true that attempting to prepare a course to suit your own players is part of the psychological war. At The Greenbrier, in 1979, they double-cut the greens in the morning, at lunch and at night. Why? They knew we never putted on fast greens. At The Belfry I knew the greens could have been cut lower and the fact that Lee Trevino, their captain, said, 'The course is great but if the greens could just get a bit quicker . . .' was music to my ears.

"But The Belfry is an American-style layout. It was designed by Dave (Thomas) to be somewhere for our players to prepare to American standards. Not a lot was made of that at the end of the day but I believe that it made our performance all the more remarkable. We will be looking to reach the same heights again in September."

1985 RYDER CUP TEAM

José Rivero

Late developer, now aged 31, he had his first full season in 1983, then won the Lawrence Batley International in 1984. Later that year he partnered Cañizares in Spain's World Cup success.

"A good, solid player and a sound putter even under pressure. He is not hugely exciting to watch but he is a very good foursomes player. He is prepared to fit in and he is well aware of his own capabilities."

Nick Faldo

He will be 30 in July and the hope is that by then he will have ended a losing streak stretching back to May, 1984. Won three PGA Championships (1978, 1980, 1981), led the Order of Merit in 1983 with five wins

"I think three or four years ago one would have been looking for Nick to have won a major championship. Whether or not he has the ability to do that at this point in his life I couldn't really say. I still see him as a solid striker, capable on his day of doing anything, but not as capable, as he was three or four years ago, of producing the miracle round. He's learned a lot during that time and what he has learned is not necessarily to his advantage."

Ken Brown

Celebrated his thirtieth birthday on January 9 and, with age and the experience gleaned from regularly competing in the US, he has matured into a resilient performer. Four times a Ryder Cup player. His victories include the Carrolls Irish Open (1978), KLM Dutch Open (1983) and Glasgow Open (1984).

"I see him as a changed man over the last three years and a great asset to any team. I am so pleased that as a person he has turned his attitude around. I think that his wife, Dawn, has had much to do with that. He will never let you down: he is a great match-play golfer and he is now a great team man."

José-Maria Cañizares

Seeking, at the age of 40, to make his fourth Ryder Cup appearance. He won the World Cup for Spain with Manuel Piñero in 1982 and with José Rivero in 1984. Other victories include Jersey Open (1980), Bob Hope British Classic (1980, 1983) and Italian Open (1981).

"A solid player. He was in both my previous teams but he is a difficult player to get to know. I have relied on Seve as to how José views things. He is a good player but whether or not he will maintain the standard necessary to be in the next team is to be seen.

Howard Clark

Has thoroughly earned, at 33, a first invitation to the US Masters following another fine season when he won the Madrid Open, for a third time, and the Spanish Open. A Walker Cup player in 1973, he graduated to Ryder Cup honours in 1977 then made the team again in 1981 and 1985.

"When you say Howard Clark the first thing that comes into mind is: Try. He is a tremendous trier, a great match-player and he never gives up. He possesses a fantastic short game and the ability to make putts when under severe pressure."

Paul Way

Still only 23, so time is on his side, and Way will seek in 1987 to recover the form which won for him the Dutch Open (1982) and the PGA Championship (1985). Earned Walker Cup honours in 1981 and made his Ryder Cup debut in 1983.

"I think we might all be surprised with Paul this season. I still believe that he will be a force in world golf and I know his intention this year is to go for broke. He got lost, for whatever the reason, last season. There was a slight grip problem, which I believe we've sorted out, and I rather think he's a man for the occasion."

Sandy Lyle

The first "home" winner of the British Open since Jacklin in 1969. His 1985 success at Royal St George's, at the age of 27, was followed by a memorable triumph in the Greater Greensboro Open on last year's US tour. Seeking his fifth successive Ryder Cup appearance and a return to form in Europe where he was No. 1 in 1985.

"The first thing which comes to mind with Sandy is raw talent. Yet he's still a bit of an enigma. He obviously gives everything all the time but I cannot understand why he doesn't do much more. One worry to me is that if something goes wrong in his game he seems to struggle to identify the problem himself."

Ian Woosnam

Equalled a world record in 1985 with eight successive birdies in the Benson and Hedges International. Gained important breakthrough with Swiss Open triumph in 1982, since when he has won the British Masters (1983), Scandinavian Open (1984) and Lawrence Batley International (1986), among other events. Aged 28, he has been in the last two Ryder Cups.

"A fantastic competitor and a great team man. He is extremely exciting to watch. You can almost see the enthusiasm bubbling through. An inspired putter and, when hot on the greens, virtually unbeatable. Certainly one of the top players in Europe today."

Severiano Ballesteros

Arguably, at 29, the greatest golfer in the world, although Greg Norman might dispute that. Winner of the British Open (1979, 1984) and US Masters (1980, 1983) and No. 1 in Epson European Order of Merit last year with six titles.

"Well, he's the best. He is also my guide for an inside view on the other players. If I have a worry, or a doubt, then I listen hard to everything Seve says. He is a very intelligent individual and he understands other players. He is very aware. His contribution to the last two Ryder Cups has been absolutely incredible."

Bernhard Langer

Three times a Ryder Cup player but the West German's biggest break came in 1985 when, aged 27, he won the US Masters on the slick Augusta greens, so confirming his astonishing recovery from the putting yips which initially threatened his career. Twice European No. 1, four times German Open champion and winner of 22 events world-wide.

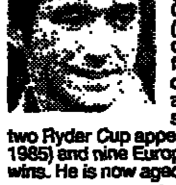
"A fantastic competitor. He likes to do things his way and it generally takes him a couple of days to adjust to being in a team. More importantly, you know that with Bernhard you have the complete player in the team".

Sam Torrance

Grabbed the picture glory by holing the putt which won the Ryder Cup in 1985. He is now seeking to make his fourth cup appearance at the age of 34. Winner of no fewer than 16 events.

"An outstanding striker. He can turn his hand to anything, like chucking pennies against the wall, because he is a natural competitor. My one worry is that he plays too much golf. He loves the game, the ambience, the tour, the players, being with the boys, which is all part of his make-up, but he consequently doesn't take enough time out."

Manuel Piñero



Shared World Cup glory for Spain with Ballesteros (1976) and Cañizares (1982). The son of a pig farmer, he has completed a rags-to-riches story with two Ryder Cup appearances (1981, 1985) and nine European Tour wins. He is now aged 35.

"A really great fighter, a fine match-player. You tell Manuel that he can't do something and he'll come straight back and do it. There is nobody he cannot beat on his day as he proved in 1985 by going out top and defeating Lanny Wadkins."

Ballesteros: arguably the greatest golfer in the world

CHALLENGERS FOR 1987 TEAM

Gordon Brand Jnr

Victories in 1982, as a "rookie", in the Coral and Bob Hope classics, launched his professional career. Won twice again in 1984. Age: 28.

"He is clearly somebody who felt he should have been in the last team. Sadly, he did not automatically qualify, which would have eliminated any arguing. He is a very capable player who produces great rounds on his day. I wouldn't be surprised if he made it this year and I wouldn't mind seeing him there."

Gordon J Brand

Four times a winner on the Safari Tour but still awaiting first European success. Even so he was runner-up in the Open last year. Made Ryder Cup team in 1983. Age: 31.

"He is a solid performer, perhaps a little dour, if that is the right word without being unkind, but it seems to me that it is difficult to get to know him. But he proved in last year's Open that, once he gets into a cocoon, he can achieve anything he wants."

Ove Sellberg

Became the first Swedish golfer to win aEuropean tour event when he captured the Epson Grand Prix last year at St Pierre. Age: 27.

"He could only be an asset. He's got a lovely way with him. He's a great trier, he really works at the game and the Swedish golfers are so keen to get it right. They have a lot to prove because they have seen what Bernhard Langer has done for golf in Germany and Ove, and his fellow countrymen, feel like flag bearers for Sweden."

Roger Chapman

Former Walker Cup player whose progress, following nine top 10 finishes in 1985, suffered a slight setback in 1986. Age: 27.

"He has an outside chance but I would be looking for Roger to get onto the team more in two years' time."

David Feherty

Gained first European wins with play-off victories in Italian and Bell's Scottish opens last season. Previously won ICL International on South African circuit in 1984. Age: 28.

"I like him. That's my first thought because he is obviously a good player. If he keeps on improving, and he should, then he could easily make the side. I am sure he would be a great asset and he also has a terrific personality. I'm convinced that team spirit of paramount importance and David could add to that."

Des Smyth

Lost play-off to Rodger Davis, of Australia, for PGA Championship at Wentworth last year when chasing first European win since 1983. Still enjoyed best ever season in financially, with £68,905 for 12th place in Order of Merit. Age: 33.

"He is a good, solid player, as he has been for some time. I think, like all the mere mortals in this game rather than the absolute greats, he enjoys short bursts each year when he can do little wrong. He will need to make the best of such spells to get onto the team."

José-Maria Olazábal

Launched professional career with an astonishing 1986 season in which he won Abel European Masters and Sanyo Open and finished runner-up in the Epson European order of merit with £136,775. Age: 20.

"I like him, too. I have no doubt that he will be on the team and I think he will be a fantastic asset. He has a marvellous, friendly way with him. He is an open guy, full of fun. And his talent is enormous. I shall watch with great interest his further rise. I must quote Peter Alliss, who stated on TV that, whilst it is said that you cannot put an old head on young shoulders, that in Northern Spain they made one hell of a shot at it with this young man."

Christy O'Connor Jnr

Former Carrolls Irish Open champion (1975) who climbed new heights in 1985 with his third-place finish behind Sandy Lyle in the British Open at Royal St George's. Made the Ryder Cup team in 1975. Age: 38.

"He has turned into such a solid performer, week in and week out, and he has made a big effort to get into physical shape to have a real go this year. I was really very sad, and that is the truth even if some people choose not to believe it, that Christy was not in the last team. I know that I did not pick him but I simply couldn't see my way clear to putting him in on that occasion. There were all kinds of reasons, but, at the end of the day, I had to be honest, as I shall be later this year, and make the decision which I thought was right. Christy took it very hard and it has affected our relationship but I would love to see him win his way onto the team this time."

Bernard Gallacher

Made eight successive Ryder Cup appearances from 1969 to 1983. Winner of no fewer than 17 titles and number one in Europe in 1969. Age: 37.

"He will be making one heck of an effort to get back onto the team. As a competitor, around the greens, he is absolutely fantastic and if this game was all around the greens then I would have him in as number three next to Seve and Langer. But he has, over the last few years, hit his fair share of destructive shots off the tee and he knows that he will need to get that department of his game right this season."

Anders Forsbrand

Climbed from 34th to a personal-best eighth-place finish in the order of merit last year. The Swede tied eighth in the 1985 Open and he was sixteenth in last year's Championship. Age: 25.

"He is a good player and I am sure that he would fit in well if he got into the team. A solid golfer which he underlined throughout last season and I expect to see him winning soon."

Mark Mouland

Broke new ground last year with his superb 65-64 finish in the Car Care Plan International to record his first big win. A former British Boys champion. Age: 25

"He is a fantastic putter, as he proved in 1986, but I would have to say that my immediate reaction is that Mark needs to get stronger to make greater progress."

Mark James

Won Benson and Hedges International last year — his eighth European tour win — and now seeking a return to Ryder Cup duty following previous appearances in 1977, 1979 and 1981. Age: 33.

"He is still, for my money somebody who needs a lot of understanding. We do get on, now, and I think Mark, thank goodness, has changed considerably over the last three years. I still cannot ever forget what happened at the Ryder Cup in 1979 (James was fined £1,500 for undisciplined behaviour) and I will not until I live to be 100. But I do know that if Mark was on the team then he would give 150 per cent right now."

Philip Parkin

A Walker Cup player (1983) who became "rookie of the year" in 1984 and, following limited success, turned successfully to America last autumn and won his playing privileges for the 1987 US Tour. Age: 25.

"He is going to be on a lot of Ryder Cup teams. I think that Philip can become a very, very good player. The way of life, and the conditions, in Europe are not conducive to getting the best out of him. There is a bit of Hollywood in Philip: he likes perfect conditions, and a big stage, and I know he will thoroughly enjoy playing in the States. He will have to learn to play both tours in order to compete enough in Europe to accumulate enough points for an automatic place on the team. But he has the ability and the personality."

Ronan Rafferty

Former British Boys champion and Walker Cup player (1981), he turned professional for the 1982 season. He is surprisingly still seeking his first European success. Won the Venezuelan Open in 1982. Age: 23.

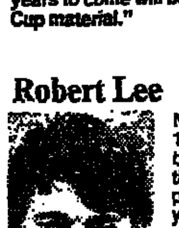
"Ronan and I have never spent a lot of time together. As a younger man I found him rather brash. But I rather thought, and I believe it to be the case, that the game itself would sort that out. I think he is a much nicer person now and I believe that Ronan has become a sound competitor. I know that he will be making a terrific effort to get onto the team."

Mark Roe

Made significant progress in 1986 — his second full season on tour — and he climbed to 39th in the Order of Merit. Age: 23.

"I've watched him a little but I don't really know him. It would come as a bit of a surprise if he made it but I have no doubt that he is one of those players who in the years to come will be Ryder Cup material."

Robert Lee



No wins in 1986 but he broke through the previous year with victories in Cannes and Brazilian opens. Age: 25.

"He impresses me enormously. I like the way he swings the golf club: it's simple and uncomplicated. He's obviously going to be on a Ryder Cup team at some stage."

RUGBY UNION

It is time to think again about a change of schedule

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The postponement of this weekend's two internationals once more raises the question of whether the five nations championship should begin so early in the year — a time of year when many footballing countries on the Continent close down to avoid the extremities of winter.

If footballers do not enjoy playing on rutted surfaces before spectators made miserable by freezing conditions, how much more uncomfortable is life for rugby players, where the physical contact is so much more extreme. Moreover if international rugby is the shop window of the game, should not the shop window be presented in the best possible circumstances?

Successive chairmen of selectors have looked out of hotel windows at snow, frost or torrential rain and wondered why they should ask amateur players to prepare for major representative occasions amid all the vagaries the British climate can throw at them. To an extent Scotland have overcome the problem with their undersoil heating; the Welsh have access to an indoor training area and the Welsh Rugby Union's ground committee will make a decision later this month about introducing undersoil heating at the National Stadium.

It is some months now since the Rugby Football Union last broached the subject of moving the championship back a fortnight with their five nations colleagues. Two lost weekends in the space of three seasons may strengthen their argument.

The main arguments against a later start to the championship are that the weather cannot be guaranteed at any stage of the season and that if the tournament runs into April it disrupts the climax of domestic competitions.

Only this week the Scottish Rugby Union reiterated their support for the Border sevens tournaments which abound in April — a source of innocent merriment which is, after all, what many people seek from their sport. The Irish interprovincial cup competitions also reach their climax at the same time, as does the French club championship.

Much depends on where the respective unions see their priorities. Meanwhile England and Wales must count the cost of postponements which, since the teams involved had neither assembled nor travelled (compared with 1985, when England were into their second day in Dublin before the game against Ireland was called off), do not amount to much.

There is the extra labour involved in fruitlessly preparing a ground and the additional administrative work in rebooking hotels, rearranging dinners and confirming invitations for the new date. "It's irritating and time-consuming in many ways," a Welsh Rugby Union official said yesterday, "but it does not involve a great deal of extra cost, particularly when the decision is reached this early."

Another casualty of the weather, it may be added, is the RFU's full committee meeting today, which has been cancelled.

Perhaps the greatest concern will be felt by those players who have yet to appear for their country. England were due to cap two new players against Scotland: Graham Dawe, the Bath hooker, and David Cusani, Orrell's lock. Wales were giving debut games to Kevin Phillips, the Neath hooker, Roger Bidgood, the Pontypool centre, and Ieuan Evans, the Llanelli wing. Neither Scotland nor Ireland were capping anyone for the first time.

Now those five players must not only wait to see if they are reselected for the games on February 7, but must avoid injury in the meantime. In that respect, at least, the weather may stay their friend because if there is little rugby played over the next two weekends there will not be much chance for any other individuals to stake a claim to a place.

No penalty for good intentions

By Gerald Davies

All the commentators at the Arms Park on New Year's Day had written in the observation as their final line, although with a depleted Bath team making it such an exciting contest, it would hardly have been the first. The match, remarkably, had gone without a penalty being awarded to either team. Then, in the fourth minutes of injury times, Alan Phillips, the Cardiff hooker, was caught, glaringly, several metres off-side so that Clive Norling finally had to blow his whistle for the offence. One penalty in 85 minutes of rugby was worth a noticeable mention nonetheless.

"There was no conscious effort on my part not to give any penalties," Norling said. "If there had been any cause to do so, believe me, I would have done so, I looked at the recording of the match since then and there may have been a couple of instances where a penalty might have been given, but even those are questionable instances and I have no reason to believe that I should have acted differently.

"The game was a running game. Both sides had the intention of using their 15 players and the game flowed. I have no statistics to show but I would bet my bottom dollar that there are fewer penalties awarded in a game which is like that as opposed to, say, a nine or ten-man style rugby. It is the nature of the game which determines the pattern and the approach of the referee. Players are more likely to breach the laws in a tighter sort of match. In a game with a wider platform, with players spread more thinly around the pitch, off-side lines are not so clearly marked. Applying the advantage law to full effect is crucial in this respect, too."

He is the best referee in the world and the sooner those who harbour petty jelousies about Norling's supreme position in the game, the better. After the Cardiff-Bath game he was accused of using the laws for his own convenience. Nothing could be further from the truth. If that were the case, he feels, he would soon have the players and club officials after his skin. Both Cardiff and Bath in fact were extremely complimentary.

More often than not, however, such an accusation can be better levelled at other referees. It is they who make a convenience of the penalty kick. For quite a number of referees it is the only way they can control the game.

There are other very many fine referees who are very good on the technicalities and are accurate on the law. But they invariably lack sensitivity. It is that delicate touch that Norling himself admired in the Frenchman, Georges Domercq, but which must be balanced with having no qualms, when the occasion arises, in sending a man off.

For him it boils down to the attitude of the players in the end and with him they know precisely where they stand. No game ever deteriorates under his control. He takes decisions no other referee would dream of taking but would, happily, soon follow in his wake.

Referees might send players off the field for violent playing but Norling it was who first sent two players — Eidman, of Cardiff, and Stephens of Bridgend — to the dressing room for consistently infringing the scrummaging laws. It was he, too, who first gave a penalty try when a team tried to prevent a try from being scored by collapsing the scrum.

Solid block record set in Scotland

Schools Rugby by Michael Stevenson

Reports in these columns that the block fixture between Wellington and Radley, comprising 21 games, was a record, were premature. Peter Wilmshurst, of Edinburgh Academy, writes of 24 games at all levels played between the Academy and George Watson's College.

The Academy hope to organize a similar marathon against Stewart's-Melville, but not all the matches will be played on the same Saturday. It will be interesting to discover if somewhere, somehow, a bigger block fixture takes place.

Edinburgh Academy did not have too good a season up to Christmas, losing eight out of 12 matches, but a typical result was their 20-21 defeat by Glenalmond, after trailing 4-18.

The big three in Scotland this season are Merchiston Castle, Kelvinside Academy (beaten only by two Northern Irish schools) and Dollar Academy.

Three Merchiston players were selected for the Scottish 18 Group side: Peter Walton, at lock, Graeme Aitchison, at full back and their flanker, Logan Mair, son of the former Scotland hooker, Norman Mair.

Peter Johnson, the master-in-charge at Radley, reports on the excellence of the combined Radley and Wellington side against Christ's Brecon and Llandovery, which the former won 13-7.

Kirkham Grammar School's Rugby Club are planning a world tour and fund-raising is well advanced. Brian Gornall, the master-in-charge, wants old players of the school to contact him if they can attend the Past First XV Players' dinner that is to be held on May 8. Kirkham contributed three players to the Lancashire 18 Group side, including David Lee, a flanker who has played 20 games for the county side at that level.

Sevenoaks are booming after switch

Sevenoaks was the venue last month for a schoolboys coaching clinic organized by David Barclay, the Rosslyn Park coach, who hopes to establish a series of such ventures throughout the country. Advance publicity may have been limited since the rugby staff at the school were unaware of the clinic (David Hands writes).

That is ironic, since the school believe their rugby is booming, results achieved last term by the thirteen teams perhaps adding up to the best overall record in their history.

For the past 20 years Sevenoaks ran rugby and football concurrently between September and March. But when co-education was introduced outside the sixth form, rugby moved to the autumn term, football to the spring term. "Because of that we are booming," Mike Williams, who has been at the school for 17 years, said. His rugby teams' feats are chronicled in a recent publication, *From Water Into Wine . . . A Short History of Sevenoaks School Rugby Football Club*, on sale for £3.50 on behalf of the school and the Michael McGough Foundation against liver disease in children. "More boys are playing rugby than ever. There is a full head of steam both among the school's rugby players and the coaching staff to rival the heady days at the beginning of the 1980s when we won the national schools sevens," he said.

CRICKET: THE SUMMER GAME IS TAKING A LEAF OUT OF THE WINTER GAME'S LEDGER

Loot is fast bowling out loyalty

By Richard Streeton

A new trend for cricketers to switch counties, meaning a disguised transfer system, is causing concern to the Test and County Cricket Board, whose registrations committee will discuss the problem later this month. There has always been a trickle of players on the move, usually those near the end of their careers. The spate of top players recently involved, however, is a worrying development.

Cricket items in the sports pages lately have resembled football stories. There was Botham's demand to leave Somerset; rumours that Emburey might be approached to move from Middlesex to become Surrey's captain; while seven counties are said to be seeking Dilley's signature, should he take wing from Kent. When a county official this week said, "If we can sign another seam bowler we should have a good side," he sounded like a football manager.

Geoff Cook, the chairman of the Cricketers' Association and the Northamptonshire captain, felt the worst aspect of players changing counties was the illegal approaches the problem brought in its wake. "There has undoubtedly been an increase in players moving about and in the 'tapping up' that goes on beforehand. It breeds ill feeling and is disruptive to a team.

"In a sense I suppose it is inevitable. The county clubs are more competitive these days and standards are more level than in the past. Only four counties can win something each year. Everyone else, though, is only one or two players away from being a good side and becoming one of the four."

The Cricketers' Association, often known as the players' trade union, will review the subject of transfers at their annual meeting in April. Cook admitted that if a survey of his members was taken it would probably show a divide between those who would favour greater freedom of movement and those who would support traditional loyalties. "Mind you, the biggest magnet to keep a cricketer must surely remain his benefit year after 10 years' service."

Peter Arnold, Northamptonshire's cricket committee chairman, is a member of the TCCB registrations committee and has no doubt that player movement is on the increase. His own county this winter have lost Storie and Mallender. "We wanted both men to stay but they were free agents when their contracts expired. Storie wanted regular first-team cricket and it was hard to stand in his way. Mallender was a real disappointment. We took him on when Yorkshire did not want him, gave him his opportunity and now he has gone wandering off."

Mr Arnold sympathized with Kent's struggle to retain Dilley. "We read that there are seven counties after him and it is hard not to see the episode as a flexing of muscles, with rival managements being sounded out to see what he is worth. Kent have invested many years and much money in Dilley's development; they helped him through problems with his action and with injuries. Now he is at his peak and they might lose him."

Only in recent years have cricketers had the freedom to change counties without being liable to the imposition of up to 12 months' residential qualification. Special registrations are challenged infrequently these days, with administrators always cautious of implications from the restraint of trade laws. It was in the post-Packer period that the TCCB and the Cricketers' Association, who have a good working relationship, agreed on a new form of standard contract for county cricketers.

In effect, the player becomes a free agent after December 31 when his one or two-year contract expires. Many modern players decline to sign for longer periods so that they can renegotiate their terms more often. Never far away is the possibility of a cricketer manufacturing some reason for dissatisfaction and making himself a target for approach by other counties.

The TCCB registrations committee seldom meets these days without having qualified legal advice on hand and their chairman, Dennis Silk, admitted that the various problems were increasing all the time.

"It is a pity when money is a greater attraction than loyalty," he said, "especially if a club has spent thousands developing a player. Another bugbear is the cricketer who gets his benefit and then immediately moves on.

"Success is understandably important to county managers and secretaries today but I hope we are never going to reach the state where negotiating players hold out to the bitter end and play one county off against another. It would be foreign to the best side of cricket and the game would lose some of its camaraderie."

Mr Silk said one repercussion of the TCCB's amended limitation on overseas players was that counties had turned inward on the English game to find new talent. Mike Turner, the Leicestershire secretary-manager, agreed that this had helped to breed a transfer market.

"Cricket's system of players moving about has now brought an alarming spiralling of wages with it as counties make their bids. It is extremely serious. I would dread to see transfer fees introduced. If that happened the financially strong counties would become stronger and the weaker counties would become weaker. A compensation payment system, too, would only be a transfer system under a different name."

Mike Vockins, the Worcestershire secretary and a registrations committee member, thought it should be possible to frame a regulation restricting cricketers' movements from county to county without infringing present-day employment legislation.

"There have been legal judgements given in other spheres, I think, where it was found to be perfectly proper for a governing body to establish domestic rules for the good government and well-being of that sport. Certainly we have got to find some sort of safeguard soon. Otherwise cricket will become an open market-place which would not be in anybody's interests."

Srikkanth's surge wraps up series

Baroda (AFP) — India cruised to a 94-run victory over Sri Lanka yesterday to win the one-day international series 3-1 and add to their 2-0 Test triumph.

The final match tomorrow in Bombay is now only of academic interest after the tourists slumped to 141 for nine against the spin of Shastri and Yadav in reply to India's total of 235 for eight, led by a sparkling 63 from Srikkanth, at the Moti Bagh grounds.

The Indians attacked from the start, Srikkanth benefiting from being dropped in the opening over to hit a six and seven fours, in an opening partnership of 96. With Gavaskar (69) providing the backbone of the Indian innings, Lamba, Vengsarkar and Shastri all made sound contributions as they chased the runs before Labrooy returned for a fiery spell of seven overs that reaped five wickets to take his figures to five for 57.

The Sri Lankan batsmen, however, soon found themselves in difficulties again against the Indian spinners. Yadav quickly produced two stumpings by Pandit and Shastri ensured victory by ripping through the middle order to finish with three for 24 as the Sri Lankans meekly surrendered and will now be glad to go home when Kapil's side turn their attentions to the tour from Pakistan.

INDIA

K Srikkanth c Mahanama b Anurasiri	63
S M Gavaskar c Mendis b Labrooy	69
R M Lamba st de Alwis b Anurasiri	22
*Kapil Dev b J R Ratnayake	5
D B Vengsarkar c sub b Labrooy	22
R J Shastri c Mendis b Labrooy	20
†C S Pandit c sub b Labrooy	12
M Azharuddin lbw b Labrooy	5
R J Kulkarni not out	3
Maninder Singh not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 2, nb 2)	13
Total (8 wkts, 43 overs)	235

N S Yadav did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-96, 2-161, 3-167, 4-169, 5-199, 6-224, 7-228, 8-232.

BOWLING: R J Ratnayake 10-0-34-0; Labrooy 10-0-57-5; J R Ratnayake 8-0-52-1; Anurasiri 10-0-45-2; Ranatunga 4-0-30-0; Gurusinghe 1-0-8-0.

SRI LANKA

R Mahanama b Kulkarni	25
J R Ratnayake st Pandit b Yadav	14
A Gurusinghe st Pandit b Yadav	26
R L Dias run out	0
A Ranatunga b Singh	20
*L R D Mendis c Azharuddin b Shastri	21
R J Ratnayake c Lamba b Shastri	2
†G de Alwis c Srikkanth b Shastri	10
G Labrooy lbw Srikkanth	12
D Anurasiri not out	0
Extras (lb 7, nb 2, w 2)	11
Total (9 wkts, 36.3 overs)	141

R Madugalle did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-49, 3-49, 4-94, 5-96, 6-101, 7-126, 8-128, 9-141.

BOWLING: Kulkarni 8-1-31-1; Kapil Dev 6-1-15-0; Yadav 7-0-20-2; Singh 10-1-38-1; Shastri 5-1-24-3; Srikkanth 0.3-0-8-1.

Warmer weather on the way: Martin Bicknell (left) and Mark Ramprakash, two members of the England Young Cricketers' party at Lord's yesterday to prepare for their tour to Sri Lanka starting tomorrow (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

OSAKA, Japan: Yomiuri indoor international: Men: 60 m: 1, B Johnson (Can), 6.44sec (world indoor record) 2, H Arikawa (Jap), 6.77; 3, Z Chen (China), 6.77. **60 m hurdles:** 1, M McKoy (Can) 7.69sec; 2, H Kakimon (Jap), 7.87; 3, Yu Zhicheng (China), 7.92. **800 m:** 1, R Kunihara (Jap), 1min 53.76sec; 2, Y Tate (Jap), 1:56.09; 3, Y Kano (Japan), 1:56.58. **1,500 m:** 1, Y Arata (Jap), 3:52.86; 2, O Sugita (Jap), 3:54.13; 3, S Oshida (Jap) 3:54.13. **Pole vault:** 1, S Bubka (USSR), 5.96 m (world indoor record); 2, V Bubka (USSR), 5.40; 3, M Zaltar (Swe), 5.20. **High jump:** 1, I Paklin (USSR), 2.30 m; 2, M Ottey (Can), 2.25; 3, N Page (US), 2.20. **Long jump:** 1, R Emmiyan (USSR), 8.24 m; 2, N Sasano (Jap), 7.59; 3, Kim Jong-il (S Korea), 7.56. **Triple jump:** 1, O Protsenko (USSR), 17.67 m (world indoor record); 2, A Holm (Swe), 16.88; 3, N Yamashita (Jap), 16.68. **WOMEN: 60 m:** 1, M Ottey Page (Jam), 7.19sec; 2, L de Vega (Phil), 7.54; 3, T Kitada (Jap), 7.78. **60 m hurdles:** 1, A Sasaki (Jap), 8.60sec; 2, Chen Kemei (China), 8.63; 3, C Akimoto (Jap), 8.85. **200 m:** 1, M Ottey Page (Jam), 24.80sec; 2, N Yoshizumi (Jap), 26.67. **800 m:** 1, K Suzuki (Jap), 2min 14.07sec; 2, T Yamamoto (Jap), 2:14.20; 3, K Muramatsu (Jap), 2:17.30. **400 m:** 1, H Isozaki (Jap), 57.00sec; 2, H Koshimoto (Jap), 57.15; 3, E Oda (Jap), 61.59. **High jump:** 1, O Turchak (USSR), 1.94 m; 2, Kim Hee-sun (S Korea), 1.88; 3, C Stanton (Aus), 1.88. **Long jump:** 1, S Takase (Jap), 5.85 m; 2, Y Tsuchiya (Jap), 5.83; 3, H Okumura (Jap), 5.80.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-finals: Cibona Zagreb (Yug) 83, Scavolini Pesaro (Italy) 82.
EUROPEAN CUP: Men: Zalgiris Kaunas (USSR) 82, Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 74.
MEN'S KORAC CUP: Quarter-finals, fourth series: CAI Zaragoza (Sp) bt Partizan Belgrade (Yug), 98-91; Bose Madrid (Sp) bt Budnost Titograd (Yug), 99-88.
WOMEN'S RONCHETTI CUP: Vysoke Skoly Prague (Cz) 90, Jedinstvo Aida (Yug) 66, Femminile Milan (It) 74, Tungsram Budapest (Hun), 59; Iskra Delta-Jezica (Yug) 70, Lokomotiv Sofia (Bul) 58.
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS CLUBS CUP: Primigi Vicenza (It) 75, Universitatea Cluj (Rom) 61. Caserta (It) 76, Challans (Fr), 75; Olympique Antibes (Fr) 97, Barcelona (Sp) 95 (ot).
CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Sharp Manchester United 103 (Gardner 26, Jones 21), Calderdale Explorers 87 (Johnson 25, Sinclair 17). Postponed: Reg Vardy Sunderland v Heartbeat '86 Birmingham.
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Boston Celtics 117, Dallas Mavericks 108, Detroit Pistons 104, Cleveland Cavaliers 87; Philadelphia 76ers 96, Atlanta Hawks 93; Washington Bullets 118, New Jersey Nets 100; Los Angeles Clippers 123, Denver Nuggets 105, Seattle Supersonics 130, San Antonio Spurs 104.

FOOTBALL

LISBON: Friendly match: Benfica 2, Anderlecht 1.

CYCLING

BREMEN: Six-day race: Final positions: 1, D Thurau (WG) and D Clark (Aus), 811 pts; 2, J Kristen (WG) and R Hermann (Liech) 791 at one lap; 3, C Tourne and E de Wilde (Bel), 386; 4, R Pijnen (Neth) and A Kappes (WG), 346 at two laps; 5, M Vaarten (Bel) and G Frank (WG), 438 at six laps; 6, G Bontempi and P Bincoletto (It), 498 at seven laps; 7, L Fignon (Fr) and A Doyle (GB), 234 at 10 laps; 8, H Rinklin and J Schlaphoff (WG), 426 at 13 laps; 9, V Dieh (WG) and S Hermann (Liech), 342 at 14 laps; 10, U Bolten and S Schropfer (WG), 241 at 19 laps.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN: Embassy World Championship: Second round: J Lowe (Eng) 3, D Lee (Eng) 1; C Lazarenko (Eng) 3, T Ukos (Fin) 2; J Wilson (Scot) 3, F Devooght (Bel) 1; M Gregory (Eng) 3, R Gardner (Eng) 0.

GOLF

LA QUINTA, California: Bob Hope Classic: First round (US unless stated): 61: D Edwards; 63: A Bean; 65: D Forsman; 66: K Fergus, A Dillard, W Wood, M Lye, F Zoeller, D Halldorson (Can); 67: E Fiori; 68: D Frost (SA), K Brown (GB); 70: T C Chen (Taiwan); 72: A Lyle (GB).
PRETORIA: Sunshine international tournament: Second round (South African unless stated): 133: P Simmons; 138: A Johnstone; 137: G Manson, A Henning; 138: M McNulty, J Hobday; 139: G Levenson, M Mackenzie (GB), T Claassens, J Bland, H Baiocchi, P Jonas, 140: S Bishop (GB), R Richardson, D Durnian (GB), I Palmer, C Moody (GB), R Lincoln, C Williams, R Smith (US).

HOCKEY

DELHI: Indira Gandhi seven nations international tournament: USSR 1, India 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 3, Montreal Canadiens 3 (ot); Hartford Whalers 3, Boston Bruins 1; Winnipeg Jets 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Minnesota North Stars 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; New Jersey Devils 3, Chicago Black Hawks 1; New York Rangers 8, Calgary Flames 5; Los Angeles Kings 4, Vancouver Canucks 0.

SKI JUMPING

SAPPORO, Japan: Pacific Rim Olympic Memorial competition: 1, H Ylipulli (Fin), 226.9pts; 2, H Shima (Jap), 224.5; 3, A Satoh (Jap), 212.0; 4, Y Miyazaka (Jap), 211.0; 5, T Hasselberger (WG) 205.7.

TABLE TENNIS

RIJEKA: European Super League: Yugoslavia 4, France 3; Sweden 4, Czechoslovakia 3; Hungary 5, Bulgaria 2.

FINAL TEST AND FIRST-CLASS TOUR AVERAGES

Australia batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
D M Jones	5	10	1	511	184*	56.77	1	3	1
G R J Matthews	4	7	3	215	73*	53.75	—	2	6
A R Border	5	10	1	473	125	52.55	2	1	4
S R Waugh	5	8	1	310	79*	44.28	—	3	8
G R Marsh	5	10	0	429	110	42.90	1	2	5
G M Ritchie	4	8	2	244	46*	40.66	—	—	1
D C Boon	4	8	0	144	103	18.00	1	—	1
T J Zoehrer	4	7	1	102	38	17.00	—	—	10
C D Matthews	2	3	0	21	11	7.00	—	—	1
P R Sleep	3	4	0	25	10	6.25	—	—	1
M G Hughes	4	6	0	31	16	5.16	—	—	2
B A Reid	5	7	4	14	4	4.66	—	—	—

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: P L Taylor 11, 42; D M Wellham 17, 1 (3ct); G F Lawson 13 (1ct); C J McDermott 0, 1 (1ct); G C Dyer did not bat (2ct).

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10M
P L Taylor	55	17	154	8	19.27	6-78	1	—
C J McDermott	26.5	4	83	4	20.75	4-83	—	—
B A Reid	198 4	44	527	20	26.35	4-64	—	—
P R Sleep	136	43	316	10	31.60	5-72	1	—
S R Waugh	108.3	20	336	10	33.60	5-69	1	—
C D Matthews	70 1	14	233	6	38.83	3-95	—	—
M G Hughes	136 3	25	444	10	44.40	3-134	—	—
G R J Matthews	83	11	295	2	147.5	1-10	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: A R Border 16-6-32-1; G F Lawson 50-9-170-0.

England batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
B C Broad	5	9	2	487	162	69.57	3	—	5
D I Gower	5	8	1	404	136	57.71	1	2	1
M W Gatting	5	9	0	393	100	43.66	1	3	5
C J Richards	5	7	0	264	133	37.71	1	—	15/1
J E Emburey	5	7	2	179	69	35.80	—	1	3
C W J Athey	5	9	0	303	96	33.66	—	3	3
I T Botham	4	6	0	189	138	31.50	1	—	10
P A J DeFreitas	4	5	1	77	40	19.25	—	—	1
A J Lamb	5	9	1	144	43	18.00	—	—	6
G C Small	2	3	1	35	21*	17.50	—	—	1
P H Edmonds	5	5	1	44	19	11.00	—	—	2
G R Dilley	4	4	2	6	4*	3.00	—	—	1

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: J J Whitaker 11 (1ct)

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10M
G C Small	78.4	23	180	12	15.00	5-48	2	—
G R Dilley	176.1	38	511	16	31.93	5-68	1	—
I T Botham	106.2	24	296	9	32.88	5-41	1	—
P H Edmonds	261 4	78	538	15	35.86	3-45	—	—
J E Emburey	315.5	86	663	18	36.83	7-78	2	—
P A J DeFreitas	141.4	24	446	9	49.55	3-62	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: M W Gatting 23-7-39-0; A J Lamb 1-1-0-0.

Tour batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
N A Foster	4	6	2	172	74*	43.00	—	1	4
B C Broad	10	18	2	679	162	42.43	3	1	7
I T Botham	8	14	2	481	138	40.08	1	2	11
B N French	3	5	2	113	58	37.66	—	1	9/1
D I Gower	9	16	2	508	136	36.28	1	2	4
A J Lamb	10	18	1	534	105	31.41	1	3	11
J J Whitaker	5	7	0	214	108	30.57	1	—	2
M W Gatting	10	18	0	520	100	28.88	1	3	11
C W J Athey	9	16	1	422	96	28.13	—	4	7
C J Richards	9	14	1	335	133	25.76	1	—	26/3
J E Emburey	9	14	3	279	69	25.36	—	1	6
W N Slack	5	9	0	184	89	20.44	—	1	5
P A J DeFreitas	7	10	2	130	40	16.25	—	—	1
G R Dilley	6	6	3	39	32	13.00	—	—	1
G C Small	8	11	3	100	26	12.50	—	—	4
P H Edmonds	9	10	2	95	27	11.87	—	—	7

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10M
G C Small	258.4	72	626	33	18.96	5-48	3	—
M W Gatting	92	27	195	9	21.66	4-31	—	—
N A Foster	149	40	352	16	22.00	4-20	—	—
I T Botham	182.1	41	496	18	27.55	5-41	1	—
G R Dilley	231.1	44	685	21	32.61	5-68	1	—
J E Emburey	463.5	131	1023	31	33.00	7-78	3	—
P A J DeFreitas	239	43	754	22	34.27	4-44	—	—
P H Edmonds	426.4	122	929	25	37.16	3-37	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: C W J Athey 4-0-25-0; A J Lamb 1-1-0-0.

MOTOR RALLYING

Vatanen's lead cut after roll

Timbuktu, Mali, (AFP) — Ari Vatanen of Finland, the former world rally champion, had his lead almost halved in the Paris to Dakar rally after rolling his Peugeot 205 on a desert track at the start of yesterday's thirteenth stage.

Vatanen and co-driver Bernard Giroux were unhurt, but the Finn goes into the third week of the 12,297km rally today with his lead cut to 1hr 42min 48sec after losing more than an hour while mechanics patched up the car.

Shekhar Mehta, of Kenya, in another Peugeot 205, won the 418 km timed section and moved up to third place in the overall standings at the expense of Kenjiro Shinuzoka, Japan's Mitsubishi driver, who finished sixth in the stage.

In the motor cycling section, the leading trio continues to dominate. Belgium's Gaston Rahier won the stage and was followed home by Hubert Auriol and another Frenchman, Cyril Neveu.

RESULTS: Stage 13: Cars: 1, S Mehta (Ken), Peugeot 205, 1hr 42min 9sec penalties; 2, P Zaniroli (Fr), Range Rover, at 15min 31sec; 3, H Rigal (Fr), Mitsubishi, at 20:40; 4, A Cowan (GB), Mitsubishi, at 23:34; 6, K Shinozuka (Jpn), Mitsubishi, at 26:2; 7, H Masuoka (Jpn) Mitsubishi at 27:47. **Overall:** 1, A Vatanen (Fin), Peugeot 205, 20hr 46min 42sec; 2, Zaniroli, at 1:42.48; 3, Mehta, at 2:42.20; 4, Shinozuka at 2:45.16; 7, Cowan, at 7:44.28. **Motorcycles:** 1, G Rahier (Bel), BMW, 3hr 56min 54sec; 2, H Auriol (Fr), Cagiva, at 1min 8sec; 3, C Neveu (Fr), Honda, at 1:42. **Overall:** 1, Neveu, 53hr 26min 49sec; 2, Auriol, at 28min 4sec; 3, Rahier, at 50min 7sec.

GOLF

Desert course is to liking of Edwards

From John Ballantine, Palm Springs

Even though the leader, David Edwards, scored 61, 11 under par, with two eagles, at Indian Wells, Bernhard Langer and Ken Brown, both playing at Tamarisk, kept him in sight with 68. These were excellent cards at a course considered a stroke or two more difficult than Indian Wells or Bermuda Dunes. Sandy Lyle held little at the Dunes and was well down the list of 128 contestants with a par-72, after the first round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Edwards, aged 30, the younger brother of the better-known Danny, took a true golfer's philosophical view of his amazing score, which was his best in tournaments in nine years. "This is my favourite of these desert courses," he said. "If you get something going here you can finish with a very good card and it's fun to see how low you can shoot."

Andy Bean, who played dreadfully at the Tournament of Champions last week, got his game together at Tamarisk. The giant Floridian is, of course, one of the longest hitters through the bag and when his touch is "on" on the greens, he can be quite formidable.

With four more rounds to play, however, the leaders knew, when starting on their second round yesterday that it was going to be a long haul towards the leading prizes of $162,000 and $97,200. PGA West, the new host course here and a real monster created by Pete Dye, has yet to come for the leaders. Curtis Strange's 70 was the best effort there in the opening round.

The "stadium" course, whose USGA rating of 77.1 makes it the most difficult in the country, proved as hazardous in perfect conditions as critical players had expected it to be. The average score there was 73.8 and only eight broke par. In contrast, 27 scored better than par at Indian Wells, 23 at Tamarisk and 17 at Bermuda Dunes.

I chose to walk round with Lyle at the Dunes. The former Open champion struck the ball just as long and straight as he did at La Costa last week but he could not get it into the hole and he ended the round looking a frustrated man. He drove just out of bounds at the 16th to drop two strokes but he buried the long 18th by getting down in two from 40 yards across the massive green.

To add to Lyle's discomfort, his caddy, Dave Musgrove, was so full of anti-flu pills that he almost rattled as he walked along under the weight of Lyle's immense bag, which bears this reporter's name. This is not, I hasten to add, to curry favour with a journalist — Lyle would be the last man to do that — but to advertise a brand of toddy.

Langer and Brown went off yesterday at Indian Wells while Lyle tackled Tamarisk quite early on a much cooler day.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (all US): 61: D Edwards. 63: A Bean. 65: D Forsman. 66: F Zoeller, K Fergus, W Wood, M Lye, D Halldorson, A Dillard. 67: R Tway, M Hayes, T Simpson, E Fiori, A Geiberger. **British scores:** 68: K Brown. 72: S Lyle.

HORSE TRIALS

Longleat date for novices

By a Correspondent

A novice event is to be held for the first time at Longleat, the Wiltshire home of the Marquis of Bath, famed for its wildlife park. This one-day event, sponsored by the Carphone Group, will be held on May 20 and about 200 competitors are expected.

The cross-country course has already been designed by Anthony Ffooks and is to be built by Richard Caldecott, a joint organizer of the event with Teresa Leahy. It will start near the lake in front of the house and run over sloping ground well away from the animals in remaining parkland, though competitors doing their dressage test may be able to hear the distant roar of sealions.

Longleat is the fourth event to be sponsored by the Carphone Group, a West Country-based firm who already support the Bramham three-day event, Frome horse trials and the Holker Hall novice three-day events. The group also sponsor two international riders, Mary Thomson and Rodney Powell.

In control

Bernard Burns, a former professional rider from Yorkshire who stepped in to manage England's team at the Commonwealth Games, has been appointed national road coach by the British Cycling Federation.

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
ANDORRA							
AUSTRIA							
Igls	40	90	good	varied	good	snow	-7
Good piste skiing							
St Anton	110	370	good	varied	good	sun	-6
Everything open							
FRANCE							
Megéve	85	170	good	heavy	good	cloud	-10
Pistes becoming icy in places							
Morzine	100	240	good	powder	good	snow	-8
More lovely new snow							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	100	160	good	powder	fair	snow	-5
Excellent snow conditions							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	100	160	good	varied	good	fine	-4
Excellent skiing conditions							
Grindelwald	60	150	good	crust	fair	cold	-6
Good snow on icy base							
Mürren	140	180	good	crust	good	fine	-14
Good skiing on all pistes							
Villars	50	160	good	varied	good	cloud	-6
Piste firm; off piste crusty							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1800ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. **Glenshee:** upper runs, runs complete, powder snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, powder snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, powder snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, slight snow; snow level, 1000ft. **Glencoe (weekends only):** upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a hard base; lower slopes, runs complete, new snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1000ft. **Lecht:** upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, powder snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, powder snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, powder snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. **Forecast for skiing areas today:** rather cloudy with occasional snow; moderate south-easterly winds; freezing at most levels. **Outlook for tomorrow:** becoming dry.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Bout delayed

The World Boxing Council light flyweight title bout between Chang Jung-koo, of South Korea, and the Mexican challenger Efren Pinto, scheduled for February 28, has been postponed until March 15.

FOOTBALL

Artificial pitches have the backing of Winterbottom

By Clive White

With the sort of ill timing, not to mention lack of forethought which England's national game sometimes delights in, criticism of all-weather artificial pitches reached boiling point this week just as the popular grass surfaces yielded to sub-zero temperatures.

Last Sunday after playing on Luton Town's plastic pitch, Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, reiterated the view of his Everton counterpart, Howard Kendall, that all synthetic surfaces should be ripped up. "They're ideal for training on, that's all," Dalglish remarked.

Twenty four hours later the Football League management committee announced that they would be supporting West Ham's proposal to suspend further introduction of these pitches for three years.

This stubborn resistance to change did not surprise one man who has seen it all before. When Walter Winterbottom, in company with Sir Stanley Rous, brought back the illuminating idea of floodlighting from the 1950 World Cup in Brazil it was met with similar suspicion and mistrust. "Everyone opposed it, yet initially we only suggested it for training purposes. It was a further two years before the football authorities permitted them, and then only in certain matches where both clubs were in agreement."

Winterbottom, the England manager in the 1950s, is not a traditionalist, indeed, he is more modern in his thinking than some of today's young successful managers who are trying to bury the plastic pitch. "I don't know why they are so scathing, perhaps it's because they haven't played on them to any extent or been brought up on them."

Neither, of course, has Winterbottom, but he is in a better position than most to judge them. In May, 1985, as a result of Luton's proposed move to an indoor centre at Milton Keynes, he produced a report, commissioned by the Sports Council and the Football Association, to define the criteria for good ball and player performance on grass and artificial surfaces.

It was the first comparison study ever done. Eleven grass pitches in various divisions of the League were examined scientifically and compared with plastic pitches then in existence. "We laid down measurements by which artificial surfaces would have to compare with the best of the new sand-structured type grass pitches. The performance of many grass pitches was quite hopeless."

The required standard was presented to synthetic pitch manufacturers at a conference at Lilleshall and it was upon this information that recent development has been based.

"As time goes on these pitches will improve. We're getting to the stage where they will be able to produce a pitch that can improve upon the performance of a good grass surface. But the development needs a little time. I could understand them slowing down the introduction of artificial pitches, but I think closing the door like this is quite ridiculous."

He refuted the idea that teams with these pitches had an extra advantage. "This hasn't proved to be so. In fact they've played just the same away and got even better results. Anyway, most clubs now practice on these pitches more than they play matches on grass."

Peter Nicholas, the Luton midfield player, did feel that there was an advantage since they spent longer on the surface than other teams. But he added: "Visiting teams make the mistake of changing their way of playing. They think you've got to knock everything over the back of defenders and try to get onto the end of it. That's wrong. Luton play the ball out from the back. Obviously when you're defending you've got to stay closer to an opponent because if you're beaten you can't recover as quickly as you can on grass. It suits our game but it wouldn't suit other teams."

A comparison with athletes in the United States where the surface is widely used, is not practical because their pitches are firmer and of different construction to those being produced for professional football in England. Skin burns are a major problem, though Nicholas says the sand which is put down to improve drainage is more abrasive than the plastic. "When I first came I didn't agree with the surface, but the more you play on them you realise they are the perfect football pitch, no bumps, no bumps."

Certainly the synthetic surface is here to stay whether or not the Football League continue to welcome them. Local authorities have found it impossible to ignore their multi-purpose advantages and will continue to lay them. The financial benefit to all clubs, particularly the smaller ones, is obvious, and they also have an important role to play in the community.

"Traditionally, those people who played on grass and love to play on it will continue to do so," Winterbottom says. "But the new generation won't mind which they play on. It was the same with tennis and hockey. In the long run it will come. I just hope it isn't delayed too much by prejudice."

Bracewell has operation

Paul Bracewell, Everton's England international midfield player, who has been troubled by a nagging ankle injury for the last 12 months, had an operation yesterday to release a trapped nerve.

Bracewell, who has been out of action all season because of the injury, hopes to be back in training within three weeks.

● Peter Barnes is likely to make an immediate return to the Manchester City side against Liverpool tomorrow after an eight-year absence from Maine Road.

The former England winger, who was transferred from Manchester United for £30,000 on Wednesday, made his debut for City as a 17-year-old in 1975. He made more than 100 League appearances before embarking on a transfer trail which took him to West Bromwich, Leeds, Real Betis and Coventry before he joined Manchester United two years ago for £50,000.

● Clive Wilson has signed a new two-and-a-half year contract with Manchester City. The utility player, aged 25, has made 110 League appearances for City. He made his debut in a League Cup-tie against Stoke in October 1981. He was out of favour for a time and had two loan spells at Chester. But since his return from the second spell he has been in great form and has been a regular for the Maine Road side. He is one of only two City players with an ever-present record this season.

● Rangers will attempt to beat the freeze tomorrow by facing Hamilton in a rearranged match

Hall and Roberts move into place

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Yeovil Town and Northwich Victoria, two of the biggest names in non-League football, have both decided to fill their managerial vacancies with men of wide experience in the semi-professional game. Brian Hall, under whom Wealdstone became the first club to achieve the double of winning the FA Trophy and Gola League championship in 1985, is to succeed Gerry Gow at Yeovil, and Cliff Roberts, the South Liverpool manager, is replacing Stuart Pearson at Northwich.

Hall, who will continue to live in Middlesex and to work at a nearby police training college, will be employed by Yeovil on a part-time basis. Gerald Lock, the Yeovil chairman, said: "We haven't worked out exactly how much time Brian will spend in Yeovil, but he will probably need a good number two here. We've been happy having part-time managers before. Besides, playing in the Vauxhall-Opel League, we're in London every other week anyway."

Among the other contenders for the post was Mick Channon, the former England forward. Mr Lock said: "The one thing that worried us about Mick was his comparative lack of knowledge of the non-League game. Brian on the other hand knows the scene as well as anybody."

Hall said yesterday: "Yeovil are a very ambitious club. They want to get into the GM Vauxhall Conference and then into the Football League and that represents a great challenge for me."

The departure of Hall, who did not have a contract, came as a severe shock to Wealdstone, although they have had a mediocre season and are now seventh from bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference. Barry Neville, Hall's assistant, will take temporary charge of the team while the club advertise the post.

Peter Braxton, the Wealdstone secretary, said: "We tried to persuade Brian to stay, but without success. We understand his reasons for going."

South Liverpool, who have appointed their trainer, Frank O'Brien, as caretaker manager, have lost several managers to bigger clubs over the years and the departure of Roberts was perhaps predictable as he has had steady success with the Multipart League club during his 18 months in charge. Barry Whitbread, his assistant, is going to Northwich with him as player-coach.

Gordon Hill, who was put in temporary charge after the departure of his former Manchester United colleague, Pearson, will stay at the Drill Field as a player. Roberts said: "I'm delighted he's staying. He's done very well keeping the club going following Stuart Pearson's departure."

Northwich are discussing a move to Winsford United's ground next season. Winsford, who play in the North West Counties League, are five miles away from Northwich, who are planning to sell their own stadium to developers in order to meet pressing debts.

● Altrincham have paid a club record fee of £7,500 for Martin Hanchard, the Stafford Rangers forward. They have also signed Max Thompson, the former Liverpool player, who returned to England recently after a spell in the United States.

● Barnet, who have lost Glyn Creaser through injury for six weeks, have signed Andy Beattie, another central defender, on loan from Cambridge United

● Barry Town, the Abacus Welsh League champions for the last four seasons, are to apply to rejoin the Southern League, which they left in 1982.

● Salisbury, who are bottom of the Southern League premier division, have appointed Ian Thompson as their player-coach. Thompson, whose goal for Bournemouth put Manchester United out of the FA Cup in 1984, was advised last summer to retire from professional football because of a pelvic injury. He now teaches at a school in Parkstone, Dorset. Thompson, aged 28, played for Salisbury earlier in his career. He has also played for Welling United, Andover and Poole.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

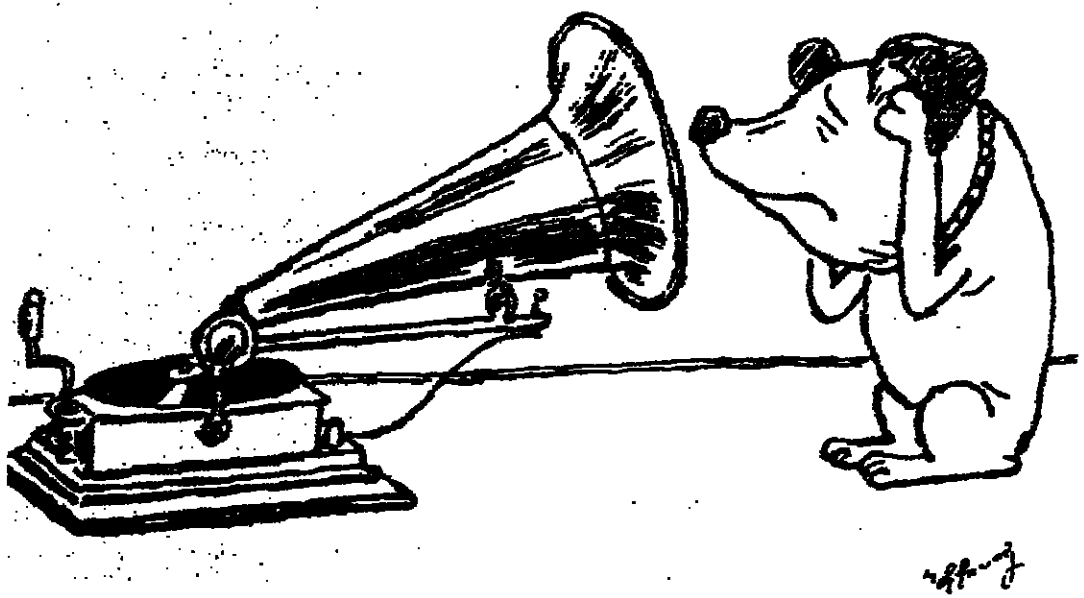
True tales of the tell-tale clues

CHOICE

● **Indelible Evidence** (BBC2, 9.00pm) might turn out to be just about the best crime prevention venture in the history of British television. For one thing, it comes with the implicit seal of approval of Ludovic Kennedy who fronts the series. Since there's no denying that Kennedy is one of our deepest-thinking popular criminologists, it follows that when he assumes a sub-Hitchcockian pose and tells us that we ought to pause and consider what we are up against before setting out to commit the perfect crime, then that is precisely what we must do. No need, of course, just to take Kennedy's word for it, because *Hate Campaign*, the first film in this series of dramatized true stories about what forensic science has done to bring criminals to book, makes it abundantly clear that when things like bloodstains,textile fibres, memo-pad doodles and 4,500 shotgun pellets are irrelevancies for the criminal, they're food and drink to the clever chaps armed with the high-tech equivalent of Sherlock Holmes's magnifying glass. The formula adopted in *Indelible Evidence* – the central characters are played by actors, and the police and forensic scientists play themselves – ought not work, but it does. And works very well, too.

● Another formula that ought not to work (and only occasionally proves that it does) is pressed into service in **The Hoffnung Festival Concert** (Channel 4, 3.00pm). *On* paper, the symphonic caricatures of Gerard Hoffnung are as brilliantly inventive in the derangement of musicians as they are with the instruments they play. But in the concert hall, what started out as inspired lunacy all too often degenerates into silliness, and we laugh because we feel it is expected of us. For example: the Grand, Grand Overture for three vacuum cleaners, floor polisher and orchestra, becomes a series of anti-climaxes, and the conductor and bass player duelling with baton and bow lack the comedy style that might have made us accept the spectacle as something more than mere high spirits in an end-of-term school concert. The best thing in this surreal concert is the one-upmanship battle between rival male and female violinists that ends in a love duet, complete with *Tristan und Isolde* quotation.

Peter Davalle



His Master's Voice – revised by Hoffnung: The Hoffnung Festival: Channel 4, 3pm

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.30 **News headlines followed by The Flintstones.** (r) **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Jeremy Paxman, and Sally Magnusson. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton with cautionary consumer advice. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 **News** and weather **9.05 Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and studio audience, discuss a topical matter **9.45 Advice Line** on social security problems.
10.00 **News** and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Philip Schofield with programme news and birthday messages **10.30 Play School. 10.50 Willo the Wisp.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** T.P.McKenna with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Public School.** The last of ten films about life at Radley College. (r) **11.35 Open Air.** (includes news and weather at 12.00)
12.30 **Wildlife Showcase.** A re-creation of the study of yellow-eyed penguins begun in 1936 by Lance Richdale. (r) **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours.** Scott runs up a debt **1.45 Heads and Tails.** (r)
2.00 **Anzacs.** The final episode of the mini-series following the fortunes of a group of Australians during the First World War.
3.40 **Classic Fairy Tales.** The Four Musicians. (r) **3.55 Jimbo and the Jet Set.** (r) **4.00 Philomena,** with Johnny Ball **4.10 Yogi Bear.** (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** The tale of The Church Mice Spread Their Wings **4.25 Secrets Out.** Mike Smith with another edition of the odd hobbies quiz.
4.55 **Newsround Extra.** Roger Finn reports on a troupe of disabled youngsters from the United States, The Kids on the Block. (Ceefax) **5.05 Grange Hill.** Episode four. (Ceefax)
5.35 **Fax.** Bill Oddie, Debbie Rix, and Billy Butler, settle another selection of bones of contention.
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan.** With Aled Jones, Jonathan Miller, and St Michael's guardian angel, Lord Sieff.
7.40 **Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's guests are Hi-de-Hi! cast, David Griffin, Jeffrey Holland, Ruth Madoc, Su Pollard, Linda Regan, and Paul Shane. (Ceefax)
8.10 **Dynasty.** Blake discovers that the manager of Le Mirage withheld critical evidence about the fire and gives him the sack - but he is soon snapped up by another member of the Carrington clan. (Ceefax)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Rockliffe's Babies.** The junior detectives, led by their mentor, investigate the shooting of a man in a West London hotel; and raid the home of a fence where Rockliffe discovers evidence that leads him to an adversary of 15 years before. (Ceefax)
10.20 **Film: Little Big Man** (1970) starring Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway, and Martin Balsam. Hoffman plays Crabb, a 121-year-old adopted Indian who recalls his life in flashbacks, most notably as the sole-surviving white man at the Battle of Little Bighorn. Directed by Arthur Penn. (Ceefax) **12.35 Weather.**

Susanna Shelling and Alphonsia Emmanuel: women police constables in Rockliffe's Babies (on BBC1, 9.30pm)

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**
2.00 **News and weather.**
2.02 **The Collectors.** The Glasgow tenement of David Lloyd-Jones which now houses his collection of Art Nouveau which he began amassing two decades ago. (r)
2.20 **The National Health - Battle for Beds.** A Panorama report on the pressures being put on two large hospitals - St Mary's, London, and Northern General in Sheffield - by lack of government cash. (r)
3.00 **News** and weather.
3.03 **World Darts.** Tony Gubba introduces highlights from last night's quarterfinal matches in the Embassy World Professional Championship.
3.50 **News,** regional news and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** This afternoon's guests include The World's Worst Husband, and Peter Skellern. There is also an item on the noisome trade in dogfighting videos imported from the United States.
4.35 **Bazaar.** A repeat of Tuesday's programme of money-saving ideas from Judi Spiers.
5.10 **Horizon: The Search for the Disappeared.** A documentary about the efforts being made by the Argentine authorities to identify the victims of the military junta's mass murders, killed during the six years leading to the Falklands War. (r)
6.00 **Film: Courage of Lassie** (1946) starring Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Morgan, and Tom Drake. A collie, adopted by young Kathie Merrick when he was a puppy, does sterling service during the Second World War as a 'war dog', but like some of his human colleagues, when he returns home he is deeply affected by his experiences. Directed by Fred M Wilcox.
7.30 **World Darts.** The third quarterfinal of the Embassy World Professional Championship.
8.00 **On the Road.** Glyn Worsnip, Diane Kenwood, and John Diamond, with news stories from the South-east
8.30 **Gardeners' World.** Clay Jones and Geoff Hamilton visit the gardens of Glyndebourne to see the range of plants that will thrill this summer's opera audiences.
9.00 **Indelible Evidence: Hate Campaign.** The first of a new series of six murder investigations featuring the forensic scientists and police officers who solved the original cases. Introduced by Ludovic Kennedy. (see Choice)
9.30 **Arena: Stand By Your Man.** A profile of country singer, Tammy Wynette.
10.30 **World Darts.** The Embassy World Professional Championship.
10.55 **Newsnight 11.40 Weather.**
11.45 **World Darts.** A further visit to the Lakeside Country Club. Ends at 12.40.

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6.15 **TV-am** presented by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35. After Nine includes a repeat of the Mike Yarwood interview; Claire Rayner with advice on relationships; and, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb.
9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Spiderwoman.** (r)
9.50 **Film: The Black Tulip** (1963) starring Alain Delon in the dual role of a defender of the good, and his prissy brother, in the period leading up to the French Revolution. Directed by Christian-Jaque **11.50 Victor and Maria.** (r)
12.00 **The Raggy Dolls.** (r) **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets.
12.30 **A Heritage From Stone.** Brian Boyd continues his series on Ulster's architecture with visits to Dalaway's Bawn, Monea Castle, and Ballygally Castle.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 **Film: Knock on Wood** (1954) starring Danny Kaye. Comedy about a confused ventriloquist who accidently becomes involved with a group of spies. Directed by Melvin Frank and Norman Panama. **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **Rainbow.** A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 **4.15 The Telebugs 4.20 Worldwise.** David Jensen presents another round of the places quiz. (Oracle) **4.45 Alias the Jester.** (r) **5.00 Bellamy's Bugle.** David Bellamy with a conservation theme.
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show** presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 **The Newlywed Game.** Gloria Hunniford quizzes three newly-married couples to see how little they know of their respective partners.
7.30 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates the mystery of two dead bodies which appear then disappear, and reappear once again.
8.30 **My Husband and I.** Comedy series starring Mollie Sugden and William Moore. (Oracle)
9.00 **Yesterday's Dreams.** Episode two of the drama series about a divorced couple who meet again after a five year separation. Martin leaves Gil to sort out the company's problems and returns to his home village where he receives a frosty welcome from his father. Meanwhile, Martin's secretary meets his ex-wife Diane to find out what is going on between them. Starring Paul Freeman, Judy Loe, and Trevor Byfield. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes.
10.30 **The London Programme.** Part one of a two-programme investigation into the mystery of record job vacancies and high-level unemployment. Followed by **LWT News** headlines
11.00 **South of Watford.** Hugh Laurie investigates the music of Bhangra Rock which has its origins in the Punjab.
11.30 **Film: The Patricia Neal Story** (1981) starring Glenda Jackson and Dirk Bogarde. A biopic of the award-winning actress who was struck down by a stroke at the height of her career and at a time when she was pregnant. The film follows her golden days and the dark days as she fights for her life. Directed by Anthony Harvey and Anthony Page.
1.05 **Closedown.**

Dulcie Gray and, as the psychiatrist, Burgess Meredith in Mine Own Executioner (on Channel 4, 10.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** (r)
2.30 **Passage to Britain.** Programme one of a repeat of the 12-part series examining the legacy of the British Empire. The Imperial Act of 1914 gave citizens of the Colonies the right to live and work in the United Kingdom but long before that there was a large black community living in the East End of London. This afternoon's programme looks at the immigrant history of that part of the capital and includes contributions from Enoch Powell and Paul Boateng.
3.00 **The Hoffnung Festival Concert,** introduced by Donald Swann. A tribute to the talented entertainer who died 28 years ago aged 34. (see Choice)
4.30 **Jigsaw.** Dickie Davies introduces another round of the quiz game for pairs.
5.00 **Car 54, Where Are You?*** Vintage American comedy series about two New York detectives. Starring Joe E Ross, Fred Gwynne, and, this evening, Jake LaMotta.
5.30 **The Tube** includes an interview with Dr Roberts of the Blow Monkeys; and music from, among others, The Mission, Timbuk 3, and Michelle Shocked.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. Weather.
7.50 **Book Choice.** Author and critic Julian Symons discusses Ruth Dudley Edwards's new biography of Victor Gollancz.
8.00 **What the Papers Say.** With freelance journalist David Chipp.
8.15 **A Week in Politics** presented by Nick Ross. How do the politicians react to what the public thinks about jobs and taxes? The employment minister, Kenneth Clark, is interviewed. Plus, an item on the battle for a Scottish Assembly.
9.00 **E.R.** Comedy series starring Elliott Gould as a hard-pressed specialist who is having trouble with an ex-wife and a new boss in the shape of young Dr Eve Sheridan.
9.30 **Newhart.** American domestic comedy series.
10.00 **Golden Girls.** Award-winning comedy show about four middle-aged women who share a house in Miami. (Oracle)
10.30 **Film: Mine Own Executioner*** (1947) starring Burgess Meredith, Dulcie Gray, and Kieron Moore. Thriller about a former fighter-pilot who suffered badly at the hands of the Japanese who tries to strangle his wife. After she escapes, the wife persuades her husband to visit a psychiatrist in order to cure him of his nightmares. Directed by Anthony Kimmins.
12.25 **The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross.** The guests include Mandy Rice Davies and John Boorman. Ends 1.10.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.25-7.00 Sportfolio 12.30am-12.40 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Seall Seo. 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.20-10.50 Left, Right and Centre. 10.50pm Film: Little Big Man (Dustin Hoffman). 1.05-1.10 Weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Fax. 12.35am-12.40 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: 8.00pm-8.30 Public Account. SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 Food and drink. NORTHERN IRELAND: 8.00pm-8.30 A Question of Sport. ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 East: East on Two. Midlands: Our Town (Bromsgrove) North: Rally in the Sky. North-west: NOW! South: South on Two. West: Natural Concern South-west: Day Out North-east: Townscape.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Cartoon 10.35 Short Story 11.00 Spread Your Wings 11.30-12.00 Show Express 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: High Risk 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here..? 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 10.30 Cross Question 11.10 Film: Rio Conchos 1.10am Late Night Final, Closedown

BORDER As London except: 9.30am Sesame Street 10.30 Groovie Ghoulies 10.55 Tarzan 11.45-12.00 Cartoon 1.20pm News 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00 Film: Beast from 2,000 Fathoms* 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Film: Thirteenth Reunion 11.30 Special Squad 12.25am Closedown

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am James Michener 10.15-12.00 Kings Story 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: To Sir With Love 6.00 News 6.45-7.00 Central Post 7.30-8.30 T J Hooker 12.00 Film: Bushido Blade 1.40am Jobfinder 2.40 Closedown

CHANNEL As London except: 9.28 Sesame Street 10.30-12.00 Film: Isn't Life Wonderful! 1.20pm News 1.30 Bulman 2.30 Bygones 3.00 Wish You Were Here...? 3.30-4.00 Country GP 6.00 Channel Report 6.25 Weekend Diary 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 10.30 Raleighing Round 11.00 Film: Wild Geese 1.30am Closedown

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am Smurfs 9.45 David Copperfield 10.55 Mountain Habitat 11.10-12.00 Walking on Air 1.20pm News 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00 Tuckers Witch 2.55 Sons and Daughters 3.30 Smurfs 3.45-4.00 Trang Trang 6.00-7.00 North Tonight 10.30 Crossfire 11.00 Film: The Honeymoon 12.55am News, Closedown

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HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Get Along Gang 10.45 Robostory 11.10 Orphans of the Wild 11.30-12.00 Paint Along with Nancy 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Take My Life* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here...? 6.00-7.00 News 7.30-8.30 T J Hooker 10.30 Weekend Starts here! 11.30 Film: Portrait of an Escort 1.15am Closedown

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.30-11.00 Your Numbers Up 11.00-11.30 Mind Your Language

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Champions 11.20 Crystal Tipps 11.30-12.00 Wild South 1.20pm News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00 Film 3.15 Sons and Daughters 3.45-4.00 Trang, Trang 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Alex and the Gypsy 12.30am Late Call, Closedown

TSW As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Film: Man Who Liked Funerals 11.30-12.00 Horse Sense 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: The Beachcomber 3.00 Wish You Were Here...? 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-7.00 Friday Show 10.32 Film: Crowhaven Farm 11.55 Postscript 12.00 Film: Man Who Had Power Over Women 1.35am Closedown

TVS As London except: 9.28am Sesame Street 10.30-12.00 Film: Isn't Life Wonderful! 1.20pm TVS News 1.30 Bulman 2.30 Bygones 3.00 Wish You Were Here...? 3.30-4.00 Country GP 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Challenge of the South 10.30 Facing South 11.00 Film: Wild Geese 1.30am Company, Closedown

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Sesame Street 10.25 Treasure Island 11.30-12.00 Short Story 1.20pm News 1.25 Lookaround 1.30 Film: Nurse on Wheels* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here...? 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Who's the Boss? 10.32 Extra Time 11.00 Film: Fright 12.40am Three's Company, Closedown

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Crazy World of Sport 10.50 Cartoon 11.00 Jacksons 11.25 Cartoon 11.35 Orphans of the Wild 1.20 Lunchtime 1.30-3.30 Film: Esther Waters* 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.30-7.00 Password 10.30 Witness 10.35 Big Bang TV Disco Show 11.05 That's Hollywood 11.30 Mr USA 1.30am Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Spiderwoman 9.55 Leave it to Mrs O'Brien 10.20 Film: Blondie Goes to College* 11.30-12.00 Short Story 1.20pm News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: Meet Mr Callaghan* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here...? 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider 10.30 Malibu 12.20am Tales from the Darkside 12.45 Jobfinder 1.45 Closedown

S4C Starts: 11.45am Film: Eyes in the Night* 1.15 Beyond Belief 1.45 Their Lordships' House 2.00 Jigsaw 2.30 Cartoon Carnival 3.00 Film: The Mantrap* 4.05 5 Lon Goch 4.20 Smyrfs 4.45 Chwarter Call 5.00 Dremnydd Y Ffair 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Am y Corau 8.00 Sioni 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar 9.30 Film: Song for Europe 11.15 Six of Hearts 12.15am Closedown

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WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30). 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty Four Hours. 7.30 Nashville Cats. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Pierre Fournier. 8.30 Music Now. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of British Press. 9.15 World Today. 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead. 9.45 Eleven O'Clock. 10.00 News. 10.01 Gospel. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 10.30 Business Matters. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 11.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland (until 11.30). 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz For The Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook, opening with News. 2.45 Nature Notebook. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter From Northern Ireland (until 5.15). 8.00 News. 8.09 Twenty Four Hours. 8.30 Science in Action. 9.00 News. 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Wind in the Willows. 10.00 News. 10.09 World Today. 10.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From The Weeklies. 11.30 Multitrack 3. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording of the Week. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Sing Gospel. 1.45 Nature Notebook. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 World Today. 3.30 Record Makers. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Here's Humph! (until 4.45). 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Henze (Telemanniana: Berlin RSO), Bach (Chaconne in D minor, Partita BWV 1004, transcribed by Busoni: Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli), Michel Corrette (Concerto Comique No 25: Les Sauvages et la Furstemburg: Musica Antiqua, Cologne), Tippett (Fantasia on a theme of Handel: Margaret Kitchen, piano and the LSO). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued): Boito (Sinfonia in A minor: Opera Orchestra of Monte Carlo). Nielsen (Violin Concerto Op 33: Arve Tellefsen, with Danish RSO). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Kodaly. 16 Songs, Op 1 (Eva Andor, soprano with Lorant Szucs, piano), Meditation on a motif by Claude Debussy; Valsette (Sandor, piano), String Quartet No 2, Op 10 (Melos Quartet of Stuttgart)
10.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Nicholas Braithwaite). Carl Stamitz (Symphony in D major, Op 9 No 1), Rossini (String Sonata No 6 in D), Mozart (Symphony No 27)
10.50 Debussy and Poulenc: Kathleen Livingstone (soprano), with John Blakely (piano). Debussy (Ariettes oubliées), Poulenc (Fiancailles pour rire)
11.25 Sonatas from France: L'Ecole d'Orphée, with Janet See (flute). Dornel (Sonate en trio in B minor, Op 3 No 3), de Boismortier (Sonata in D minor, Op 51 No 4 for flute and violin without bass), Mondonville (Sonata in C, Op 3 No 4 for harpsichord and violin)
11.55 19th Century English Oboe Music: Malcolm Messiter (oboe), John Alley (piano). Grattan Cooke (Fantasia), T A Walmsley (Two Sonatinas), S W Waley (Romance)
12.20 BBC Scottish SO (under Richard Pittman), with Philip Martin (piano). Part one. Sousa (Washington Post), Wallingford Riegger (Variations for piano and orchestra), Charles Griffes (The White Peacock), Henry Cowell (Hymn and Fuguing tune No 3). 1.00 News
1.05 Concert (continued): Borodin (Symphony No 1)
1.40 The Shakuhachi: Yoshikazu Iwamoto plays the Japanese bamboo flute.
2.10 Haydn and Dvorak: Allegri String Quartet, with Patrick Ireland (viola). Haydn (Quartet in E flat, Op 9 No 2), Dvorak (Quintet in E flat, Op 97
3.10 Miniatures for Piano: Keith Swallow plays John Field's Nocturne No 17 in E major, Cyril Scott's Ballad, Bernard van Diren's Tema con variazione, Sydney Smith's La harpe eolienne, and E J Moeran's Three fancies
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Chelmsford Cathedral. A live transmission. 4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Lyndon Jenkins
6.30 London Mozart Players (under Jane Glover). With Heather Harper (soprano). Mozart (Symphony No 24, and concert aria Alma Grande, kK 578), Britten (Les illuminations, and Sinfonietta, Op 1)
7.30 Bernard Roberts: piano.Part one. Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op 10 No 3), Debussy (Studies, Book 2)
8.15 The Chinese Garden: Patrick Malahide reads the story by Ronald Frame
8.35 Piano recital (contd): Brahms (Variations and Fugue on a theme by Handel Op 74)
9.15 Adi and Edi: play by Jelena Kohout. With David Gooderson and Jonathan Tafler. A satirical comedy
10.05 Music for two Guitars: Alpha Duo play works by Leo Brouwer(Micro piezas), Brindle (Las doce cuerdas), Steven Allen (Aphrodite's Dance), Albert Ginastera (Three Dances, from ballet Estancia)
10.35 Vega Wind Quintet: with Stuart Allen (bass clarinet), John Blakely (piano). Janacek (Mladi), Dillon (Le rivage), Saxton (Echoes of the Glass Bead Game), Mozart (Quintet in E flat, K 452)
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave) *Approximate time
(s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing: Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer (s)
6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45* Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather.7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25*, 8.25* Sport 7.45*Thought for the Day. 8.35* Yesterday in Parliament. 8.50* Your Letters. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is James Prior MP (r) (s)
9.45 The Enthusiasts: Allan Smith meets a group of tap dancing enthusiasts
10.00 News; International Assignment: BBC correspondents report from around the world.
10.30 Morning Story: The Devil and Mrs Cobbett by Jill Norris. The reader is Shirley Dixon
10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 71 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Bottled Lightning: The diary of Alice James, sister of William and Henry. With Morag Hood and Anna Massey (r)
11.48 Through My Window: Poet Charles Causley surveys the market town of Launceston in Cornwall
12.00 News: The Food Programme with Derek Cooper
12.27 Tales from the Mausoleum Club: (s) Heart of Skegness by Ian Brown and James Hendrie. 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News: Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray in Bristol. Includes the final instalment of Equal Rites, read by Sarah Badel.
3.00 News; Secret Lives (s) by E F Benson. Part 2 of a three-part dramatization (r). Cast includes Pauline Collins and Margot Boyd.
4.00 News
4.05 Claret and Ignorance: (s) George Deacon visits Bordeaux to explore the mystery of wine
4.30 Kaleidoscope with David Roper. A second chance to hear last night's edition which included comment on the Channel 4 series State of the Art, An Imitation of Life at the Bush Theatre, and Garrison Keillor's book Happy to be Here. (r)
5.00 PM. New magazine.5.50 Shipping.5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Place: Clive Jacobs and team survey the world of travel and transport
7.00 News, 7.05The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week (s) Margaret Howard chooses some of the best moments from the past seven days of BBC television and radio programmes
8.20 Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Ellesmere, Shropshire, are: Lynda Chalker MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Dr Tessa Blackstone, Master Elect, Birkbeck College, London; Michael Meadowcroft MP; and Sunday Times editor Andrew Neil. .
9.05 Stop Press: Beverley Anderson casts a critical eye over this week's newspapers
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope with Paul Allen. Includes comment on the film Rocinante, and the BBC2 Screen Two series. Also Ionesco's Journeys among the Dead, at the Riverside theatre and Stravinsky's Oedipus Rex and Pulcinella (Opera North).
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Hottentot Room by Christopher Hope (Part 10 of 12)
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending (s) Satirical review
12.00 *am News; Weather, 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.0 Sounds Inventive (s) 11.20 Quest: Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr (s) 11.40 Quest: The Pilgrimage to Makka (s). 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner 2.0 French D 2.30 Books, Plays, Poems. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

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SPORT

Grown men weep as England lose in a good cause

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

A resounding cheer went up all over Australia yesterday evening, a cheer of relief as much as triumph, when Australia won the fifth Test match by 55 runs. In a great finish to an outstanding game England lost their last wicket to the sixth ball of the penultimate over.

It made a perfect ending to the series and brought to a close a run of failures by the Australian side (14 matches without a victory) that was doing the game here a lot of harm. Gatting hated losing but for once it was in a good cause.

The ebb and flow of the first four days was maintained throughout the last. Needing 320 to win, England stared defeat in the face in the first over of the afternoon; they then recovered through a splendid innings of 96 by Gatting, resolutely supported by Richards, until they were only 90 runs short with five wickets standing and 20 overs left.

As Border said afterwards, the possibility of Australia losing a match which they had had in their grasp (and had thought they ought to win) was very much in his mind at the start of the last hour. But just in time they got Gatting out.

Even then there were fluctuations to come. Not until Richards and Edmonds went to successive balls in the eleventh of the last 20 overs did England give up the idea of winning. As for their saving the game, that seemed in safe hands with only three overs left and Small and Emburey looking comfortingly secure.

To bowl the first of the last three overs, Border replaced Taylor with Reid, who had Small well caught, low down at slip, by Border with his fourth ball. Dilley played out the last two balls of the over. Who should then bowl the next over, the nineteenth of the last 20, prompted a long and well-attended meeting among the Australian players.

"There were a lot of captains and vice-captains out there", Border said. Sleep had been bowling from the relevant end with his leg breaks, and by consensus he continued to do so, but it was "a close thing between him and Hughes".

Emburey had the strike and the first five balls of the nineteenth over, a rather motley collection, which included an intended "bouncer" he survived without difficulty. Had he played forward to the last ball, which was well up to him, he would probably have survived that, too. Instead, he played back and it bowled him. It was a long time before the Australians got off the field. Victory was too sweet not to savour.

It was as though they could hardly believe what had happened. Their joy was unconfined. Some drunken idiot of an English weed, staggering about with a Union Jack in his hand, gave the Australian police a chance to over-react.

Grown men were in tears, including the man of the match, Peter Taylor, and his family, after he had taken his award. It was good to see how much it all still means to Australia that they should beat England.

What fun it had been, too, to watch a match in which spin played a major part. The pitch may have looked like nothing on earth to start with but the curator knew what he was up to. It would be good for cricket if there were more like him, producing pitches which do not put a premium on fast and medium-paced bowling.

This one allowed Small to take five wickets in the first innings of the match and a leg spinner to finish the match off: it rewarded good batting and provided the stuff of memories.

The game was very much more what "cricket is about" than the month-long one-day extravaganza which starts in Brisbane tomorrow with a match between England and West Indies. I shared Australia's jubilation last night: it was one in the eye for some of the Packer lot who think that Test cricket should have gone out when passenger liners stopped sailing twice a week from England to Australia.

I started myself with passenger liners and this was the 99th Test match between England and Australia that I have written about in these columns. It was also one of the very best.

The first of yesterday's changes of fortune came when Athey and Gower, with lunch approaching, were out in quick succession. They had batted through the first 100 minutes of the morning with much skill and growing confidence. First discovering what could be safely done and then playing within those limits. It was a pitch on which it was not easy to become established, especially with fielders round the back appealing as though there was no tomorrow but whose tricks could be learnt.

England seemed even to have gained a considerable psychological success when Taylor was taken off after an hour's play and Border brought himself on. It was four years since the Australian captain had taken a Test wicket with his gentle orthodox left-arm spin.

Taylor had been bowling too fast to give the ball a chance to turn. He now took Border's place at slip and there, off Border's second ball, he missed a low chance, given by Athey off one that turned. Gower began then to pick Sleep off on the leg side so productively that Australia were soon badly in need of a wicket.

When the over in which Gower was out began victory for England was looking, for the first time in the day, almost as likely as defeat. Five minutes later Gower and Athey were both out without a run added. Losing concentration for a moment, Gower guided a shortish ball from Border to short leg. In the next over Athey, sweeping at Sleep, was bowled round his legs. At lunch England were 101 for three.

Off the second ball afterwards Lamb was caught at silly point off bat and pad, propping forward to Taylor, and off the third Botham was brilliantly caught by Wellham. If anything, Botham was being too careful: it was a short ball that may have stopped a little and in trying to lop it down on to the leg side that great mallet he uses propelled it just far enough for Wellham, racing in from mid-wicket and throwing himself forward, to catch it.

Wellham was at once lost from sight, mobbed by his ecstatic colleagues. Australia knew then, or they thought they did, that they had the match won.

But within 20 minutes Gatting had hit Taylor for 12 in an over, including a six over long-on, and declared his intentions. Gradually, with Richards keeping his end up, England's captain brought his side back into the match. As the Australians began to have their doubts, it showed in their cricket.

Three long hops in an over from Sleep were pulled for four by Gatting. Then, in successive overs, Zoehrer missed a difficult diving chance, given by Gatting off Hughes, and Border an easier one at slip, offered by Richards off Sleep. England at tea were 187 for five, a new ball available in five overs.

The next hour went much as the last had, Gatting and Richards adding another 43. The new ball was taken at 203, as soon as it was due. The last hour began with five wickets still standing and 90 needed.

So long as Gatting was there the clock was not the enemy.

1986-87 series

FIRST TEST (Brisbane): England won by seven wickets.
SECOND TEST (Perth): Drawn.
THIRD TEST (Adelaide): Drawn.
FOURTH TEST (Melbourne): England won by an innings and 14 runs.
FIFTH TEST (Sydney): Australia won by 55 runs.
Man of the series: Chris Broad.

Australian joy unconfined: Border and Zoehrer rejoice as Athey, sweeping at Sleep, is bowled round his legs

COMPLETE SYDNEY SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings	
G R Marsh c Gatting b Small	24
G M Ritchie lbw b Dilley	6
D M Jones not out	184
*A R Border c Botham b Edmonds	34
D M Wellham c Richards b Small	17
S R Waugh c Richards b Small	0
P R Sleep c Richards b Small	9
†T J Zoehrer c Gatting b Small	12
P L Taylor c Emburey b Edmonds	11
M G Hughes c Botham b Edmonds	16
B A Reid b Dilley	4
Extras (b 12, lb 4, w 2, nb 8)	26
Total	343

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-58, 3-149, 4-184, 5-184, 6-200, 7-232, 8-271, 9-338, 10-343.

BOWLING: Dilley 23.5-5-67-2; Small 33-11-75-5; Botham 23-10-42-0; Emburey 30-4-62-0; Edmonds 34-5-79-3; Gatting 1-0-2-0.

Second Innings	
G M Ritchie c Botham b Edmonds	13
G R Marsh c Emburey b Dilley	14
D M Jones c Richards b Emburey	30
*A R Border b Edmonds	49
D M Wellham c Lamb b Emburey	1
S R Waugh c Athey b Emburey	73
P R Sleep c Lamb b Emburey	10
†T J Zoehrer lbw b Emburey	1
P L Taylor c Lamb b Emburey	42
M G Hughes b Emburey	5
B A Reid not out	1
Extras (b 5, lb 7)	12
Total	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-31, 3-106, 4-110, 5-115, 6-141, 7-145, 8-243, 9-248, 10-251.

BOWLING: Dilley 15-4-48-1; Small 8-2-17-0; Edmonds 43-16-79-2; Emburey 46-15-78-7; Botham 3-0-17-0; Gatting 2-2-0-0.

ENGLAND: First Innings	
B C Broad lbw b Hughes	6
C W J Athey c Zoehrer b Hughes	5
*M W Gatting lbw b Reid	0
A J Lamb c Zoehrer b Taylor	24
D I Gower c Wellham b Taylor	72
I T Botham c Marsh b Taylor	16
†C J Richards c Wellham b Reid	46
J E Emburey b Taylor	69
P H Edmonds c Marsh b Taylor	3
G C Small b Taylor	14
G R Dilley not out	4
Extras (b 9, lb 3, w 2, nb 2)	16
Total	275

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-17, 3-17, 4-89, 5-119, 6-142, 7-213, 8-219, 9-270, 10-275.

BOWLING: Hughes 16-3-58-2; Reid 25-7-74-2; Waugh 6-4-6-0; Taylor 26-7-78-6; Sleep 21-6-47-0.

Second Innings:	
B C Broad c and b Sleep	17
C W J Athey b Sleep	31
D I Gower c Marsh b Border	37
A J Lamb c Waugh b Taylor	3
*M W Gatting c and b Waugh	96
I T Botham c Wellham b Taylor	0
†C J Richards b Sleep	38
J E Emburey b Sleep	22
P H Edmonds lbw b Sleep	0
G C Small c Border b Reid	0
G R Dilley not out	2
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 1, nb 3)	18
Total	264

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-91, 3-91, 4-102, 5-102, 6-233, 7-257, 8-257, 9-262, 10-264.

BOWLING: Hughes 12-3-32-0; Reid 19-8-32-1; Sleep 35-14-72-5; Taylor 29-10-76-2; Border 13-6-25-1; Waugh 6-2-13-1

Umpires: P J McConnell and S G Randell.
Man of the match: Peter Taylor.

Sleep misses pyjama party

From John Woodcock

Nothing could better show the difference between Test and one-day cricket than the fact that Peter Sleep, who did so much to win the Test match for Australia yesterday with his leg breaks, has been dropped from the Australian side to play in the World Series Cup against England in Brisbane on Sunday. The tournament begins tomorrow with a match between England and West Indies.

Sleep is left out because the taking of wickets takes second place to the stopping of runs. Ritchie and Hughes, who played in Sydney, are also omitted. The three to take their places are Davis, the opening bowler from Victoria, and two all-rounders, Macleay, from Western Australia, and O'Donnell, from Victoria.

The three sides competing for the World Series Cup — Australia, England and West Indies — will play one another four times to decide who meets in the best-of-three final. After their two matches this coming weekend, England return to Sydney to play against Australia again next Thursday. After that comes a visit to Adelaide, which coincides with the Australia Day holiday.

The white flannels have been put away. For the next month they will wear their pyjamas, watched by large crowds. The fifth Test match attracted a total of 93,429 people, as against 148,323 in the corresponding game in 1982-83 when Australia had a more successful side than their present one.

The West Indians have played four times in the World Series Cup and won it on each occasion. They are enormously popular here, though their confidence is not what it has usually been. Their captain, Richards, is worried about the rule that restricts his fast bowlers from bowling bouncers.

"This series will put a lot of pressure on how the umpires interpret the bouncer rule," he says. "I am sure it will be a very controversial time with a lot of queries and arguments before the tour is over. It sickens me. Events in the recent Pakistan Tests (against West Indies) showed we can be beaten, so to try and deter our bowlers can only be sour milk. Very, very sad."

In the past the West Indians have been as effective when required to pitch the ball up as when their bowlers have had *carte blanche*. In all probability they will be again.

Gatting apologizes for his appeal complaints

Sydney (Reuter) — Mike Gatting, the England captain, apologized to his opposite number, Allan Border, for remarks he made during the tense finish to the fifth Test, which Australia won by 55 runs yesterday.

Gatting explained that his apology followed words he had on the field with Tim Zoehrer, the Australian wicketkeeper, about pressure put on him by constant appealing.

Reflecting on the match, Gatting added: "I don't think the tour has been tarnished for us by losing here. We had a great game of cricket out there, Australia played well and I don't think anyone can complain about it."

Gatting singled out Chris Broad, who won the man-of-the-series award after he made hundreds in the second, third and fourth Test matches, his fellow opening batsman, Bill Athey, the fast bowler, Graham Dilley, and Jack Richards, the wicketkeeper, as the outstanding contributors to England's 2-1 series win.

The win was only the fourth in Border's 27 Tests as captain, and the first in his last 15.

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"It's something of a relief to be in the winning circle again, and having shown people we can actually play," he said.

The Australian captain revealed that he had almost replaced his leg-spinner, Peter Sleep — who bowled John Emburey to win the match — with Mervyn Hughes, the opening bowler, in the decisive, penultimate over.

YACHTING

Instincts dulled by jury ruling

From Barry Pickthall
Fremantle

After Wednesday's protest-ridden opening race to the final Defender trials, the all-night sitting outside the jury room, which ended in disqualification for both crews, appeared to dampen aggressive instincts on both Kookaburra III and Australia IV at the start of yesterday's second heat.

The lack of protest flags doubtless brought a communal sigh of relief from the international jury who sat until 4.30 a.m. yesterday, though the performance of Kookaburra III in winning by a one minute 34 second margin, despite a damaged mainsail, will have ensured that the midnight oil continued to burn within the Bond camp last night.

Colin Beashel, the pressured skipper aboard Australia IV, who did not get to bed until after 5 a.m., sought shelter among the spectator fleet the moment the 10 minute warning signal fired, to re-emerge with Kookaburra firmly locked on his tail three minutes before the start.

As the two came towards the line, Australia was forced to tack on to port. KIII followed immediately, but instead of pushing up and over the Bond boat Peter Gilmour, the Kookaburra starting helmsman, inexplicably failed to drive home his hard-won advantage, allowing Australia to take a two second advantage at the line.

Handing the wheel to Iain Murray, Gilmour, who plays the role of mainsheet hand within the combined Kookaburra crew during the race, left his skipper at a disadvantage as the two boats began to track each other on port tack out towards the righthand side of the course. Australia, the leeward boat, appeared to cut through yesterday's seas better than KIII and soon pulled out a half-length lead, eventually forcing Murray to tack away.

As Australia tacked to cover, Beashel looked to be in total control, but was then forced to watch his rival move steadily ahead just as if the golden boat had found another gear.

When Kookaburra tacked back onto port again 15 minutes after the start, the Bond crew found themselves four lengths adrift, then lost even further ground by instigating a tacking duel to round the weather mark 32 seconds behind. The news was no better at the end of the following spinnaker run when the Bond boat was seen to have slipped a further 11 seconds behind, and by the end of the next beat, Australia lost contact completely, leaving Murray and his crew with an almost unassailable one minute seven second advantage on the top mark.

That distance remained on the next reach, but a bag, caught in the sheet of the spinnaker, distracted KIII's crew on the second reach, giving Beashel and his boys the chance to claw back 18 seconds by the leedward mark. It was but a temporary reprieve. Murray and his crew reasserted their dominance as the winds began to climb from 16 to 25 knots on the following beat to move more than a minute ahead at the top mark then increased this to one minute 34 seconds on the final beat, despite breaking their mainsail halyard car.

RESULT: Best of nine Defender final series: Second day: Kookaburra III bt Australia IV, 1min 34sec. Kookaburra III leads series 1-0.

Lovesy's fine win

Paul Lovesy, of Britain, scored a fine win in the sixth heat of the Laser world championship off Melbourne yesterday, leading the 65-strong, tightly bunched fleet throughout the two-hour race. Simon Cole came through the fleet to finish twelfth

GOLF

Drugs clause included in Open entry form after player 'use' claim

By Mitchell Platts

Allegations of players taking drugs in the Open Championship have been investigated by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and competitors in this year's championship, at Muirfield from July 16 to 19, will be under closer scrutiny. Players will be asked to complete an entry form which includes a condition that they agree to abide by the tournament regulations.

The condition states: "A competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. In this respect the attention of competitors is drawn to the list of drugs issued by the Sports Council. Any competitor infringing this condition may be disqualified."

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient, the organizers of the Open, said: "It doesn't mean that we are going to start testing individuals. We don't believe there to be a need for that at this moment in time. But we have been made aware of the problem in sport in general by the Sports Council and some form of testing could be introduced in future Opens if we felt it necessary.

"We've had rumours of drugs being taken by golfers but we have checked the records of those we have been told about and if the allegations are true then the drugs have not enhanced the performances of those individuals. If anything they have got worse."

Bonallack added: "We have been told by the Sports Council about drugs such as beta-blockers, which Olympic marksmen have used to stop their hands shaking, and there are other drugs, such as anabolic steroids, which would concern us if we discovered them to be in use. We are not, of course, concerned with drugs taken for medical reasons. All sports are being more drugs conscious and our view is that we must ban them through inserting the new condition."

The Royal and Ancient has also changed several of the categories pertaining to exemption from qualifying for the Open Championship. The first 40 players in the Sony world rankings, which has been in operation for less than one year, as at 11 May will be exempt from this year's Championship. The Royal and Ancient sanction the rankings which have been recently refined so as to better reflect current form. Exemption to the championship has also been given to all playing members of the 1985 European and United States Ryder Cup teams.

Prize money for the Open has been increased from £600,000 to £650,000 and the winner will receive £75,000 compared to the £70,000 which Greg Norman earned for his victory at Turnberry last July.

Prenn wins

John Prenn, who regained the world championship from Willian Boone last December, advanced to tomorrow's semi-finals of the Celestion Amateur singles championship

FOOTBALL

Iceland refuge for Watford

Watford have found a way to beat the freeze on Saturday — by playing in Iceland. With their home game with Queen's Park Rangers postponed, Watford will play a Reykjavik Select side in the Icelandic capital tomorrow.

Eddie Plumley, Watford's chief executive, said: "We were looking for somewhere to play if our game was called off and received an invitation to play in Reykjavik.

Although temperatures are slightly lower in Iceland than in Britain — what they regard as warm spring weather — the match is certain to go ahead on a synthetic surface.

While Watford have found a neat way out of the weather problems, Liverpool and Luton are still at loggerheads over the aborted FA Cup replay: Luton suggesting Liverpool's costs should be paid out of the receipts from the rescheduled match on January 26.

Although David Evans, Luton's club chairman had promised to meet the £10,000 bill when Luton were stranded two hours before kick-off, Colin Moore, a club spokesman, said yesterday: "The chairman has not withdrawn his offer, but the cost of postponed matches in the FA Cup should come out of the match receipts when the game is actually played.

While the casualty list of postponed matches already reached 32 yesterday, Manchester City's ground at Maine Road could stage three games in three days this weekend. City entertain Liverpool tomorrow and Warrington have rearranged their Rugby League division one fixture with Barrow for Monday night at 7.30pm. If the Widnes v Oldham Rugby League game scheduled for Sunday is postponed, then Oldham will play Featherstone Rovers

POSTPENED MATCHES: First division: Aston Villa v Wimbledon; Charlton v Nottingham Forest; Leicester v Norwich; Southampton v Luton; Watford v Q.P.R. Second division: Reading v Leeds; Sheffield United v Crystal Palace. Third division: Bristol City v Gillingham; Blackpool v Fulham; Brentford v Doncaster; Middlesbrough v Wigan; Notts County v Swindon; York v Carlisle. Fourth division: Hartlepool v Southend. Fine Fare Scottish League: Premier division: Celtic v Hibernian; Clydebank v Aberdeen; Dundee v Rangers; Hamilton v Dundee United; St Mirren v Falkirk. First division: Clyde v Airdrie; Dunfermline v Partick; East Fife v Brechin; Kilmarnock v Dumbarton; Montrose v Forfar; Scottish Cup: Second round: Albion v Whitehill; ; Caledonian v Spartans; ; Raith v Vale of Leithen; ; St Johnstone v Queens Park; Stenhousemuir v Berwick Rangers; ; Stirling v Meadowbank. Replay: Ayr v Stranraer.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Suspension for Syme

Gordon Syme, one of Scotland's most experienced international volleyball players has been suspended for six months by the Scottish Volleyball Association. Syme, aged 33, who plays for Krystal Klear, the Scottish champions, has been given the ban following "violent conduct" after the game with MIM Livingston on November 30, which Klear lost 3-2.

Player dies

Malaga (Reuter) — Jose Gallardo, the Malaga goalkeeper, died yesterday from a brain haemorrhage following a head injury suffered during a Spanish second division football match last December.

McEnroe plays

Rotterdam (AFP) — John McEnroe, the former world No.1, is down to play as fifth seed in the year's first major indoor event in Europe, the $315,000 grand prix tournament here from March 16-22. Miloslav Mecir, of Czechoslovakia, comes back to defend his title as third seed.

Dickie's rival

Robert Dickie, of Swansea, the British featherweight champion and the quickest-ever winner of a Lonsdale belt, will meet Mexican Mario Gonzales at St David's Hall, Cardiff, on February 9. The professional show is being staged to help the amateurs to raise money for Wales' bid for the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Andries date

The new date for Dennis Andries' defence of his World Boxing Council light heavyweight title is Saturday, March 7. There is also a new venue, Cobbo Hall in Detroit, for his meeting with the American Thomas Hearns. The Hackney boxer's second defence of his crown was first scheduled for Las Vegas on February 7, but Ringside Incorporated, who are setting up the contest on behalf of Andries' manager, Greg Steene, could not tie up television coverage.

Tour party

National women's team manager, Sue Mappin has selected a team of six girls to go on a four-month tennis tour of Europe.

SQUAD: B Borneo, 20 (Bedfordshire); L Gould, 19 (Essex); A Grunfeld, 19 (Lancashire); V Lake, 18 (Devon); K Rickett, 18 (Warwickshire); S Timms, 17 (Essex).

ATHLETICS

Cosford event cancelled

The indoor meeting scheduled for January 31 at Cosford was cancelled yesterday. Officials decided it was not worth going ahead with the event because the entry would have been poor.

Money will be refunded to people who have bought tickets. The meeting should have been a Peugeot Talbot international between Britain and a top European country.

Ben Johnson, of Canada, became the first official holder of an indoor world record when he recorded a time of 6.44 seconds in winning the men's 60 metres in a athletic meeting in Osaka yesterday.

Sergei Bubka and Oleg Protsenko, of the Soviet Union, also set world records of 5.96 metres and 17.67 metres in the pole vault and the triple jump, respectively.

SPORTSWEEK EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

JONATHAN DAVIES: WHY I MUST QUIT RUGBY UNION

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